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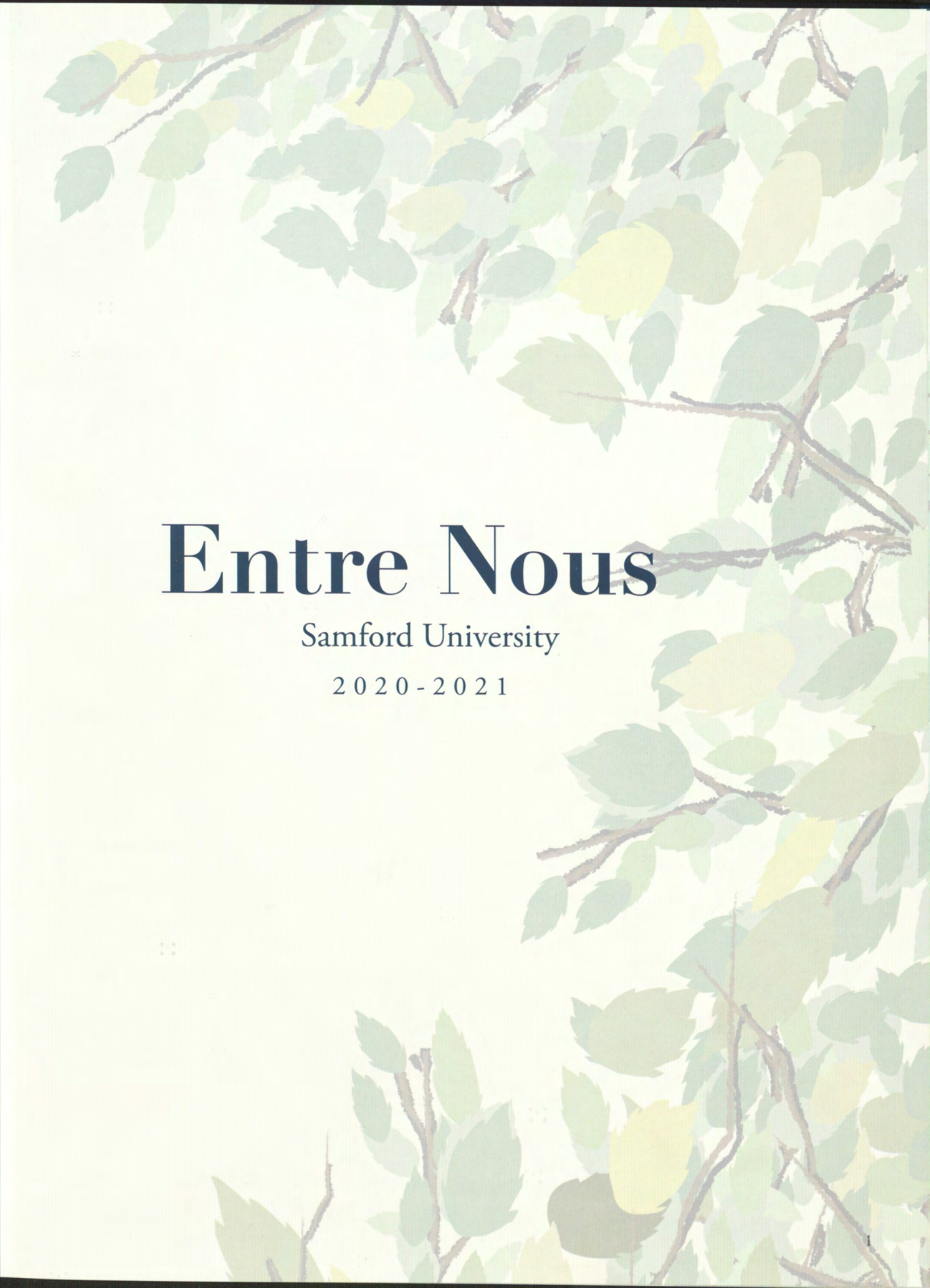

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This book is dedicated to:

Dr. Andrew Westmoreland
President, Samford University, 2006-2021
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A letter from Samford's 19th President, Dr. Beck A. Taylor

Dear President Westmoreland,

As I prepare to become Samford's 19th president, I'm reflecting on how important your leadership has been these past 15 years.

First, I'm grateful that you've sustained and strengthened Samford's Christ-centered mission. Samford is among a scarce few institutions of higher learning that still elevate the integration of Christian faith and learning. Among all of Samford's distinctive strengths, this is surely the one that truly sets Samford apart in the landscape of higher education.

Second, you've maintained Samford's commitment to students. Whether for traditional undergraduates, adult learners, or graduate students, under your leadership, Samford has strengthened its identity as a student-centered university.

Finally, Samford's academic quality has only increased during your impressive tenure. Not only have Samford's programs improved and grown, you've attracted and retained incredible faculty members who will steward Samford's academic reputation for decades to come.

As Samford's new president, I'm grateful for your example, and I pray that, by God's grace, I'm able to love and serve Samford in the ways you've modeled for me. I'm grateful for you, Andy. Thank you.

Blessings in Christ,

Beck A. Taylor, Ph.D.
President-elect

From left to right: 19th Samford President, Beck A. Taylor; Samford First Lady, Julie Taylor; Former Samford First Lady, Jeanna Westmoreland; 18th Samford President Andrew Westmoreland attend the "Welcome to Samford Celebration" in honor of Dr. Taylor on March 10, 2021. Photo courtesy of Samford University.

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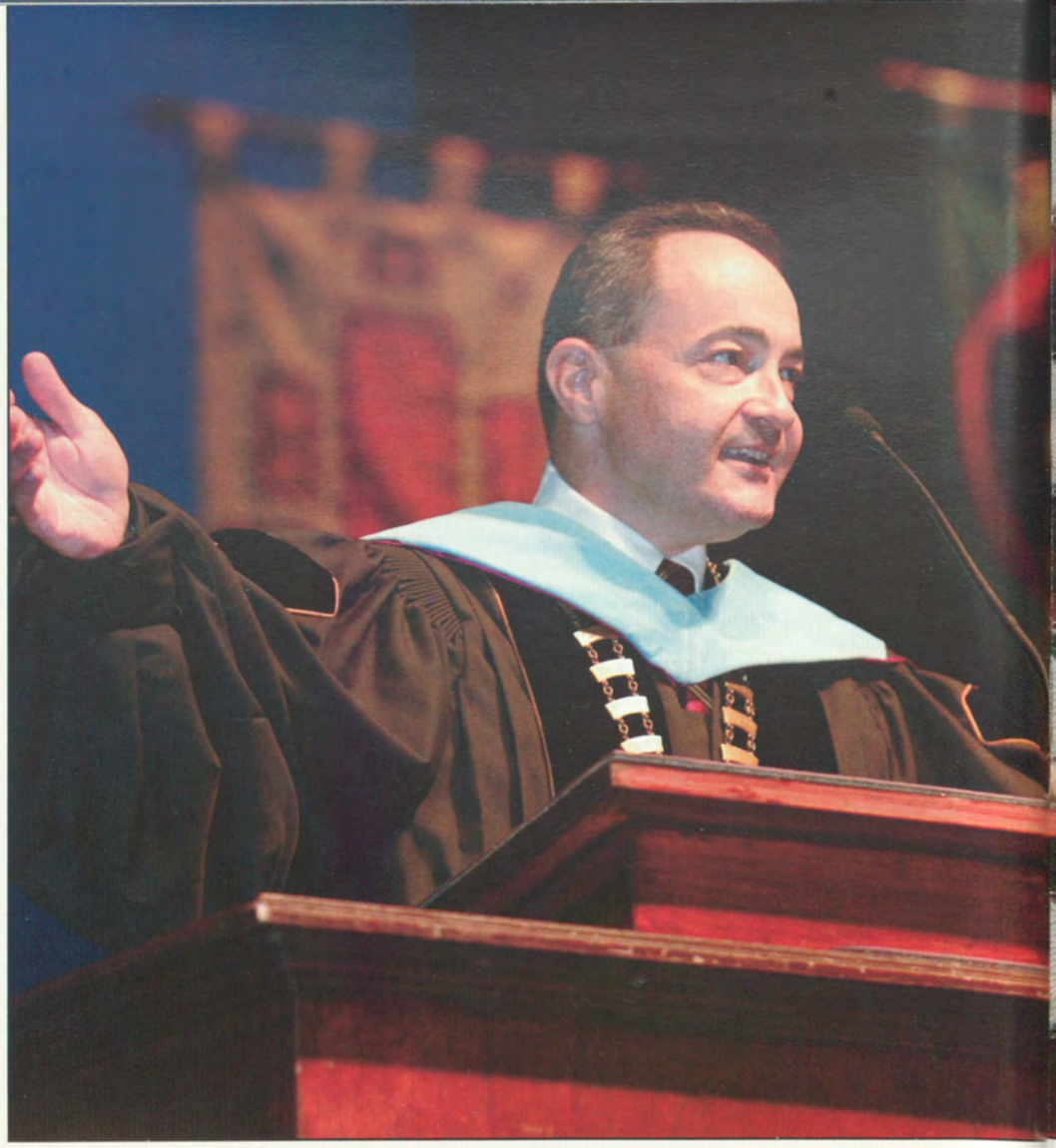


Westmoreland reflects on time at Samford

Article by: Selah Vetter, The Samford Crimson
Photos courtesy of: Samford University

In his office, Samford University President Andrew Westmoreland does not create the atmosphere of hierarchy. Sure, he's the university president, but he sat across from me and talked with me as if we are friends, not as if I am a 21-year-old student interviewing him. He even flipped the interview around and started asking me questions about myself. Talking like this with students, either in his office or around campus, is what Westmoreland is always doing and what has defined him as president of Samford University. It also is the most gratifying part of the job for him.

"I get out of the office and I walk to wherever it is I'm going and I have conversations with students along the way, or the university center, or the library, or any of the classroom buildings or they come to see me to talk about a problem or question," Westmoreland said. "I have drawn tremendous energy and insights from student conversations. I think that has kept me reasonable, fresh and sometimes relevant over the years."

To think of Westmoreland is to think of the essence of Samford University. From Pops with the President during Connections weekend as a freshman to the final walk on Centennial Walk as a graduate alongside Westmoreland, he is the bookend of every student's experience at Samford. Now it's his turn to take his final walk.

"People have said, 'isn't this a bittersweet time for you?' And it's not. It's not at all. It's entirely sweet. There's no bitter about it," Westmoreland said. "That doesn't mean that I don't cry from time to time because it's poignant and that's not lost on me. I'm entirely happy about all of it. Happy I've been here. Happy with what so many people have done in a positive way while I've been here."

With his role as university president coming to a close, Westmoreland said he has "no regrets at all." He also laughed and stated that he is surprised that he and his wife are retiring in Birmingham. Westmoreland was resistant to coming to Birmingham in the first place, he said, not wanting to leave his role as university president at his alma mater Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas. When Alabama Governor Albert Brewer, who was on the search committee for the university president years ago, asked for Westmoreland to visit Samford and consult with the committee, he did not realize he was being interviewed for the position himself. Throughout the process, Westmoreland witnessed the integrity and love these people had for the university and the kindness of people within the community, which persuaded him to give Samford a chance.

The Samford community sure is thankful Westmoreland gave the university a chance. From his First Thoughts email at the beginning of every month, talking to students as he makes them pancakes in the Caf, to recording a TikTok video, Westmoreland has impacted the community greatly during his time as university president. While he may have shaped and imparted advice and wisdom to so many, students have done the same to him, especially throughout this past year.

"What students have taught me this past year is everything is going to be okay," Westmoreland said. "I try to be hopeful and present a confident attitude, but back here in the back of my head I was wondering what in the world is gonna happen, not only to us, but so much of higher education. We have had the same problems everyone has had…but students have figured out how to cope with all of that and do well with it. So there is a prevailing message for me that despite all of the worries, things usually are okay."

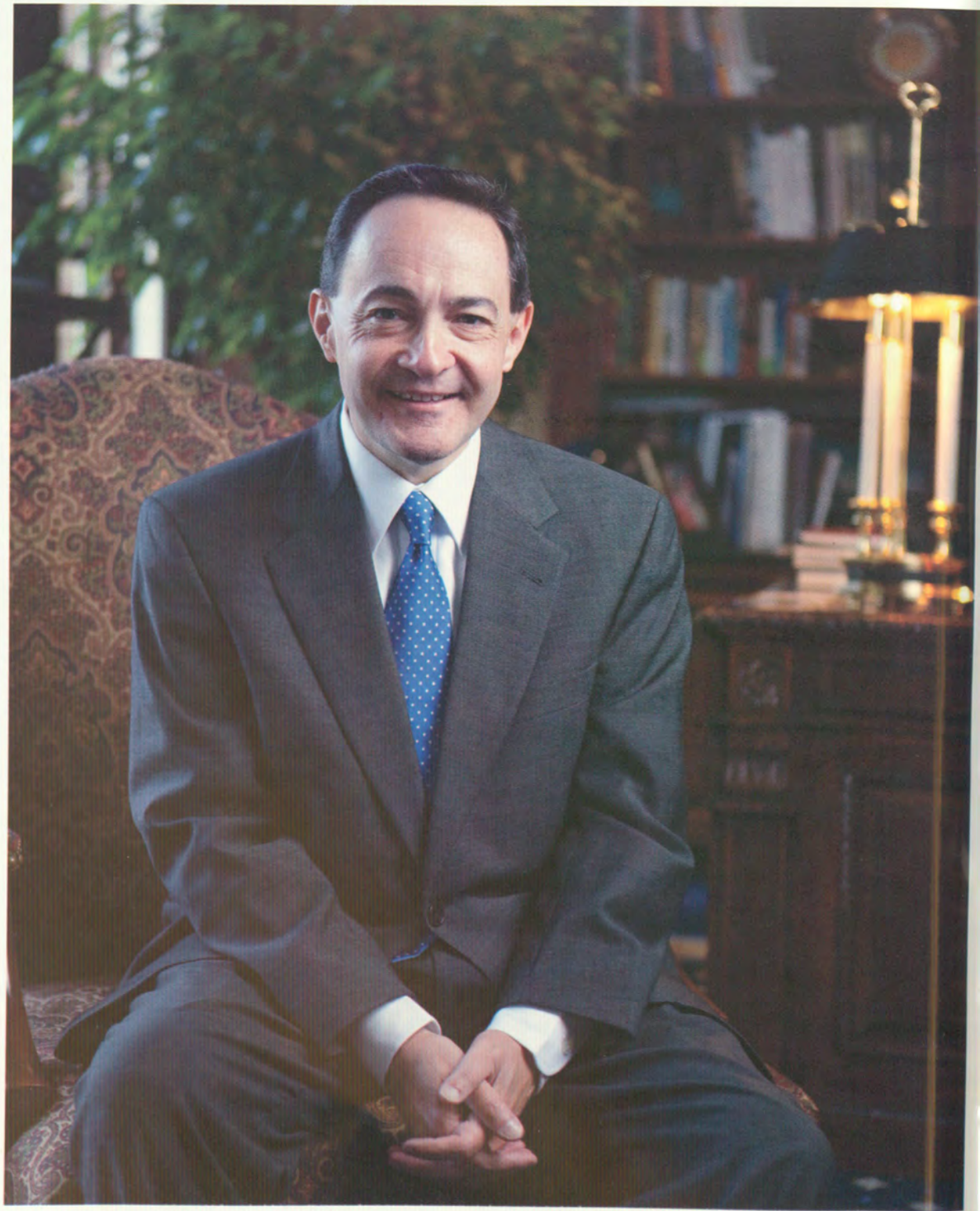
He is a team player, listening to and working with students and his peers to make the university a better place. Westmoreland loves wrestling with an idea or problem about the university in the middle of the night and coming into work early or calling his peers in the morning to talk about how to execute that idea. By noon, they have a solution and work as a team to make something better happen.

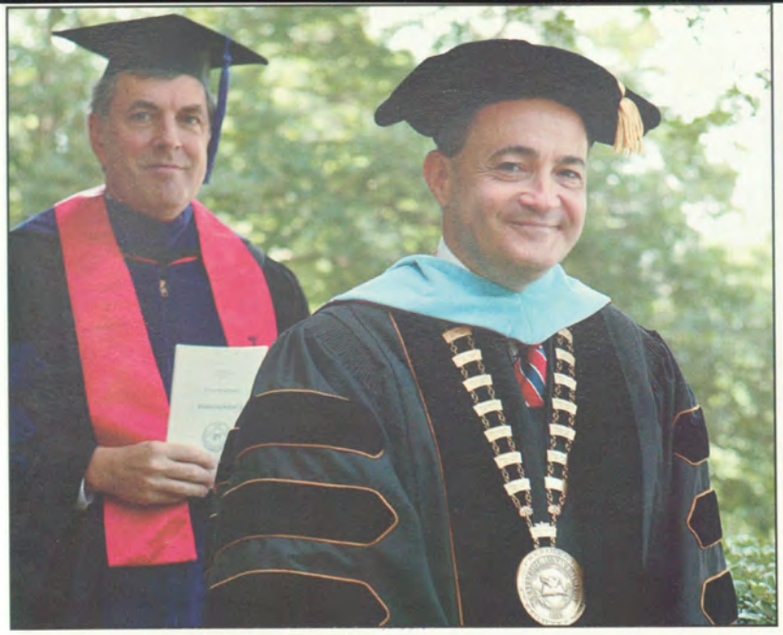
He is going to miss having those people he can call at 7 in the morning, but he knows this is the right time to step down as president. Plus, retiring a year earlier than what everyone expected allowed for an element of surprise, which Westmoreland loves.

"I didn't want to be an 80% person. I wanted to go out at 100%," Westmoreland said. "Jeanna and I both came to the understanding that this is the time."

Westmoreland is proud to say he has given the university 100% and is excited to pass the job on to someone else he knows will do the same. His wish for the students and the Samford community is to treat President-elect Beck Taylor and his wife, Julie, the same way they have treated him throughout the years. Because, as Westmoreland said, the way the Samford community has treated him "couldn't be better."

The Westmorelands over the years





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MASK UP:

A return to campus amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Article by: Baylie McClafferty
Photos courtesy of: Katy Beth Boyers, Mackenzee Simms

The 2020-2021 school year was much different than most expected. Freshmen were entering a whole new chapter of life where they did not know what to anticipate. Upperclassmen were going into a year where everything they knew about Samford would be flipped upside down.

For coming right out of quarantining and facing the challenges of the pandemic, Samford students made the most of it.

As students navigated through the year amidst COVID-19, students learned a lot about themselves. Students learned that they can all overcome adversity and work with whatever situations are handed to them. There may not have been fall football or Step Sing, but students adapted to the new normal.

Samford's administration did a remarkable job at adapting to college life to respond to the pandemic. Thankfully, the university was able to host a few events to connect people and maintain the Samford experience.

"The Lighting of the Way in November was one of the most pure and awesome events I have ever attended," freshman Adrien Mercado said.

She went on to talk about how great the turnout was and how it got her into the Christmas spirit.

It's events like the Lighting of the Way that brought Samford students together and created community amidst the beautiful brick walls of our campus.

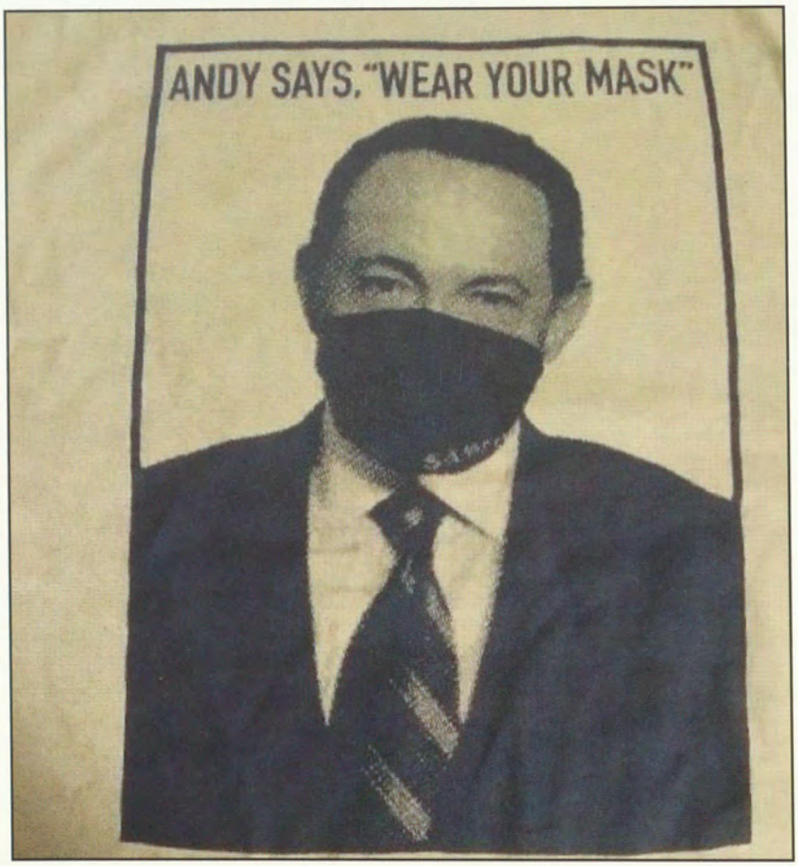
"Spring football is a funny phrase to say. Even though it wasn't normal, it still allowed us to do what we love," sophomore linebacker Thomas Neville said.

The football team played seven games this spring, offering a new outlook on the sport altogether.

Many students and parents attended the games and encouraged the team. This football season was a highlight for many Samford students because it was the first sporting event they were able to go to in over a year.

Thankfully, Samford was still able to host movie nights and other campus-wide activities. Greek life was able to operate and host socially distanced dances and date parties and sporting events continued in the spring semester. Even though this year presented many challenges and changes, Samford University maintained the integrity of the Samford experience.

The following pages provide a glimpse into campus life in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic.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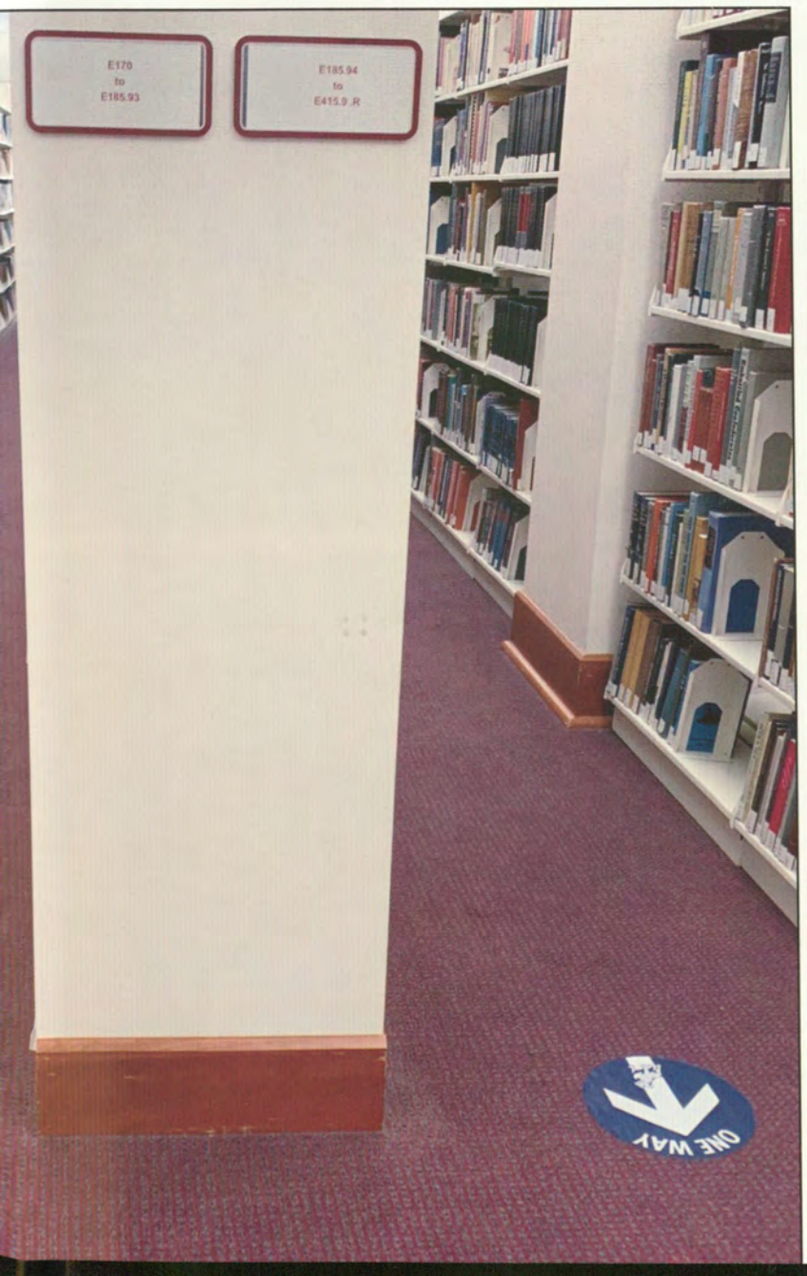
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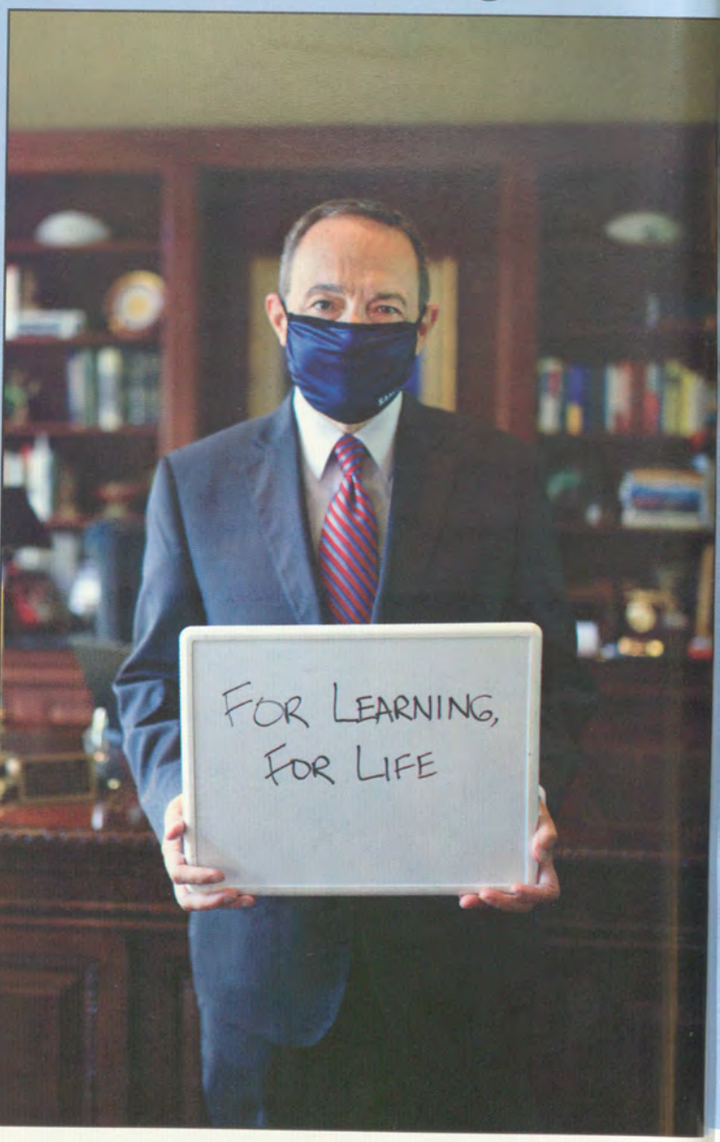
Right: Former Samford President Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, who retired in 2021, shared why he masked up for the university community. *Photo courtesy of Samford University, by Stephanie S. Douglas.*



Right: After spending several months in a worldwide pandemic, no one is a stranger to social distancing stickers indicating how far apart to stand. Nevertheless, seeing these Samford-branded stickers plastered around campus reminded students that just because they were back on campus, it didn't mean things were back to "normal." *Photo by Mackenzee Simms.*

Above: Samford erected plexiglass barriers in offices, cafeteria lines and library desks to protect students and staff while conducting business. *Photo by Mackenzee Simms.*

Bottom right: In an effort to divert foot traffic from the cafeteria, Samford invited food trucks to Ben Brown Plaza as a lunch alternative. It wasn't uncommon to see a line of students waiting to spend their dining dollars at these food trucks. *Photo by Mackenzee Simms.*

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Left: These signs could be found near study rooms in the library, kitchens in the dorms and even large lecture halls. Samford surveyed every room on campus and calculated a new maximum occupancy for each. These numbers were posted outside of every door, in every building. *Photo by Mackenzee Simms.*

Above: Large, outdoor white tents with plastic tables and plastic chairs were the new staples of student life. These overflow outdoor seating areas gave students space to safely spread out, enjoy their meals and bask in the Alabama sun. *Photo by Lauren Bell.*

Left: The univeristy set up a plethora of seating options and gathering areas across campus, and in many places, there isn't enough room to space out all the furniture. Instead, stickers demarcated which seats students could and could not sit in to maintain social distancing. *Photo by Mackenzee Simms.*

BE KIND.
Campus life amidst a pandemic

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MARCH FOR

Black Student Union, Athletics Council for Equality cohost on-campus march

Article and photos by: Camille Womack

During the fall semester of 2020, the Black Student Union partnered with Samford's Athlete's Council for Equality (A.C.E.) and the Office of Diversity and Intercultural Initiatives to host a March for Justice in light of the social unrest that transpired over the summer. Political Science major, Chotsani Holifield, was grateful to participate in the march.

"The March for Justice was my first march, and it couldn't have come at a better time! After the death of George Floyd, the Black Lives Matter movement moved back into the forefront. The pain I felt from the Floyd murder was felt for all my Black brothers and sisters; the historical trauma behind it was overwhelming. The student-led March helped me to use my voice in the midst of chaos," Holifield said.

Due to COVID, regulations had to be placed on how people could participate. Justin Hayes, president of the Black Student Union, expressed his pleasure with the march.

"The march was extremely successful given the circumstances," Hayes said.

Not only were students, faculty and staff present, but there were also appearances from a few members of the Board of Trustees.

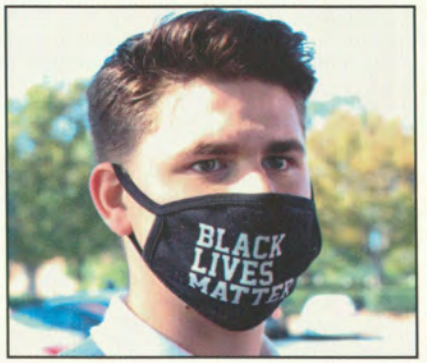
Hayes said this was the fourth march he put together.

"I am glad and blessed to be a part of what I'm 99% sure is the first ever march on Samford grounds," he said.

The march featured speakers at designated buildings on campus with a message to convey to the participants on race, history and unity. Many of the coordinators felt the march was successful and left an impression on its participants.

"I hope that march was just the beginning of a spark of change," Hayes said.

With student leaders continuing to make their mark on campus, may Samford be a shining example of what "loving your neighbor" looks like.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School of Arts
Diversity Series

Article by: Camille Womack
Photos courtesy of: Samford University

The Samford School of the Arts Diversity Series, created by Angel Simms, Abby Shelton Storey and Theo Edwards, first began offering on-campus diversity events a few years ago.

"They came up with this concept to bring awareness and art that is speaking about or from the perspective of those who are in minority groups," Emily Kent, senior Art and Design Representative for the Diversity Series, said.

Kent said she was asked to be part of a new group of students to carry on the series after the initial season was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I feel far more in tune with the communities and cultures around me. I have done more research since being a part of the [Diversity] Series on many topics such as neurodiversity, the 'model minority' issue, and of course, the BLM movement," she said. "My awareness has continued to grow, and I pray that I will be someone who shares and converses about education to all around me."

Kent said she believes their inspiration for starting the series stemmed from the lack of diversity on campus and a desire to create a space for artists to express their feelings on current social issues. After appointing the series' current members — Egypt Davis, Darian White, Bekah Anderson and Kent — as well as and series producer, Scott Baron, the group was able to complete a three-part series aimed at achieving what the original group had imagined it would.

Kent explained what it was like to navigate showings amidst the pandemic. She mentioned how the pandemic had existed for quite a while by the time the Series rolled around, so it was easier to come up with solutions. She said she has been grateful for technology allowing the opportunity for the series artists to reach the masses.

"So of course, in addition to having in-person, socially distanced shows, we were able to have some livestreams for those who could not attend due to space restrictions and a virtual artist talkback as well," Kent said. "For almost a year, artists have been missing this connection with an audience. The buzz and passion they gain from sharing their art form in person. This was a chance for a few of our participants to be back in it again. Of course, everyone else wore their masks and sat distanced from each other and from the stage.

Ultimately, the series was successful despite the necessary changes.

"Truthfully, it was a fantastic season! Great messages, interested participants, and art that will hopefully inspire others to pursue diversity in who they listen to, watch, enjoy or in their own work," Kent said.

Multicultural Affairs Committee

Article by: Abi McKibben
Photo courtesy of: Samford University

A group of 12 Samford students make up the Multicultural Affairs Committee, a group responsible for educating members of Samford's Student Government Association and other campus organizations in what are called "Diversity Trainings." In these meetings, they address potential improvements for campus diversity, cover important terminology, and discuss ways to have good conversations about sensitive topics.

Multicultural Affairs Committee Director Christa Chery explained the goal of MAC.

"We want our leaders to be better educated for minorities to feel seen and valued," Cherry said.

In the future, MAC plans to offer training to students outside of SGA to better facilitate conversations about cultural affairs. Before the spring semester ends, MAC plans to host a cultural competency training on what they call "Day of Elevation" sometime in the month of April . Apart from the training, the members will explain who they are, what they do, and how to get involved. Their motto, "Elevate Others" will be displayed on T-shirts during the event.

Chery said one of MAC's goals is creating safe spaces for minorities. For Chery, the committee has given her an opportunity to grow personally, in relationships, and in an understanding for people who are different from her own culture.

"We learn to love our neighbors well and teach others to do the same," Chery said.

Student Life

Bulldog Days

Article by: Camille Womack
Photos courtesy of: Samford University

Bulldog Days are the most essential experience for incoming freshmen. Students get to know not only the physical campus but also the community that comes with being a Samford Bulldog. Due to the pandemic, Bulldog Days went virtual. The change meant a learning curve for orientation leaders who previously had looked forward to ushering in freshmen through a face-to-face experience.

"Choosing to have Bulldog Days go virtual was a decision that we never thought we would have to make. Late night sessions of karaoke, swing dancing, and Step Sing videos on campus were replaced by a Zoom game night full of dancing, yelling, and laughing as we all tried to do the latest TikTok trend," orientation leader Rex Stewart said.

Stewart explained Samford followed many institutions in having a virtual orientation. He applauded the orientation staff for their positive attitudes and flexibility to conform to the circumstances.

Orientation leader Kylie Ballard agreed.

"Switching from in-person to virtual Bulldog Days was definitely difficult, but in the end, it was rewarding and successful," Ballard said. "Our main challenge of a virtual orientation experience was making sure that students were not only informed but also felt connected to the Samford community."

Stewart said his favorite Bulldog Days memory was when all eight orientation leaders would put their computers in a circle facing one another and the students were able to be "with" their classmates for the first time. Ballard's favorite memories included getting to grow closer to the other orientation leaders throughout the summer, and finally being able to meet our students in person on move-in day.

"There were many small details throughout the summer that went into a successful event, but connecting with students and their families was worth the hard work," Ballard said.

Connections Weekend

Article by: Mia Banuelos
Photos courtesy of: Connections Leaders

The class of 2024 was officially welcomed to Samford University during Connections Weekend Aug. 21- 23. Connections is a long-standing tradition for freshmen during their first weekend at Samford. This weekend lets students become familiar with Samford's campus and the Birmingham area before classes start while allowing them to bond in different areas of the Samford community.

Despite Connections looking a bit different this school year, Connections Coordinator Melissa Gagnon, a senior health sciences major, fondly recalled putting the event together in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Although there were hurdles to jump through, it was such a rewarding experience being able to give back to Samford. It was awesome to see freshmen make connections within their groups and bond despite being in a pandemic," Gagnon said.

Typically, Connections is notable for events such as the Friday Night Social or the Neon Party. However, the Connections team put a spin on these traditions, adapting them to fit social distancing guidelines. Dinner Around Town became the Taste of Birmingham Food Truck Dinner. During this new event, students had the opportunity to try different restaurants while discovering new parts of campus with their Connections group.

However, traditions like Pops with the President still happened thanks to Dr. Andrew Westmoreland and Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland. Students were able to join the president, the first lady and other administrators in Seibert Gym to enjoy popsicles from Steel City Pops.

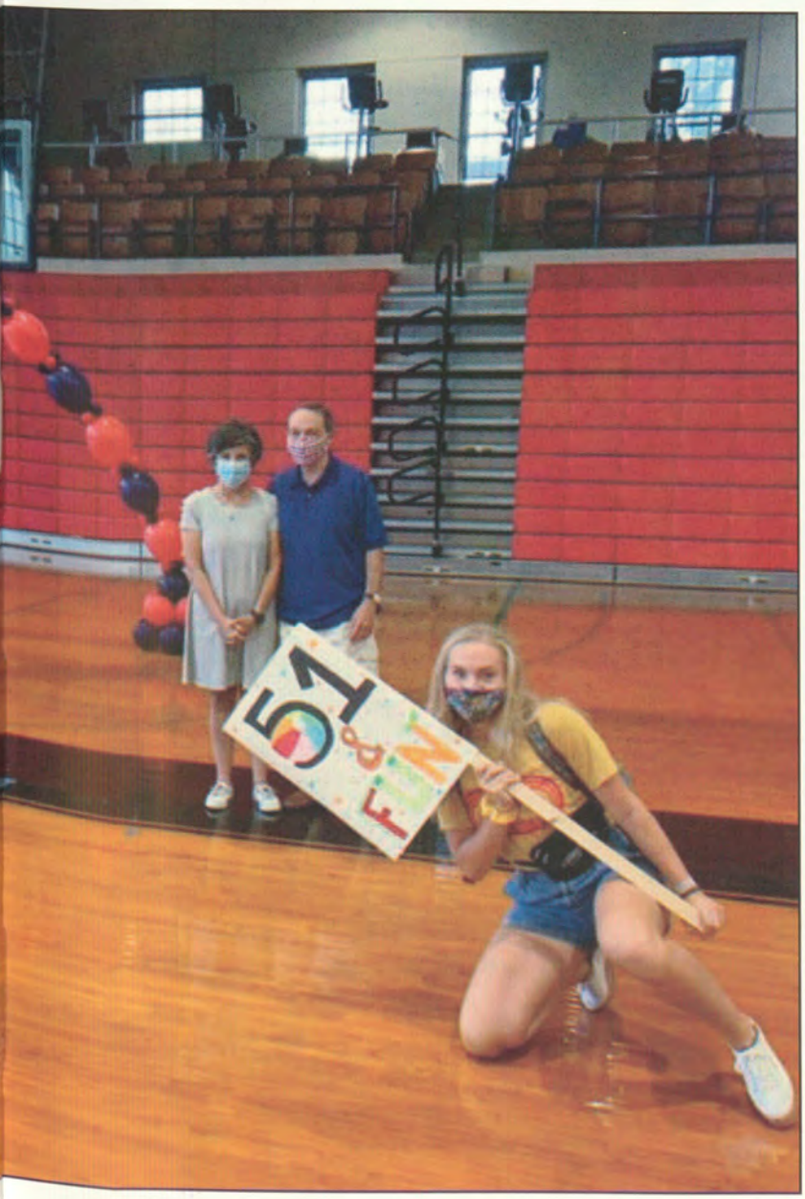
Andre'A Roper, a senior English major, served as a Connections leader. She and her partner were in charge of showing a group of freshmen around during their first weekend at Samford.

"Serving as a Connections Leader my senior year, after having an incredible Connections group as an incoming freshman, renewed my appreciation for my friends, professors and programs that shaped my time at Samford," Roper said.

Freshmen were also able to gain more personal relationships with members of their group as they participated in a variety of virtual and in-person events. Virtual events such as the Wikipedia Olympics let students socialize with other freshmen and even upperclassmen from their dorms.

When reflecting on this past Connections weekend, Connections Coordinator Cambron Bice, a senior public administration major, focused on the community that formed.

"While Connections Weekend looked very different this year than it normally has in years past, I feel like our team still achieved our goal from year to year in a safe way: connecting incoming students with the Samford community," Bice said.



Student Events
during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Article by: Selah Vetter
Photos courtesy of: Entre Nous, Crimson Staff

Attending college during a global pandemic means less events or Zoom events, if any. Samford University's Student Activities Council did not let this global pandemic stop them from providing events to the student body, even if they looked different from normal.

Ranking number two in the nation for student engagement according to the Wall Street Journal, Samford students are used to seeing organizations with tables in Ben Brown or activities on the quad. However, with COVID-19 guidelines on campus, students did not experienced as many events as they had been used to. SAC adapted Samford traditions, such as homecoming and the fall festival, to the COVID-19 guidelines.

SAC planned to host these traditions both virtually and in-person. Virtual events were hosted on Instagram. They looked different from past years due to social distancing, masks and the 50 person capacity rule, but SAC President Claire Pool was confident the traditions would still be upheld.

"We're trying our best to keep the integrity of our events while following these guidelines," Pool said.

SAC also held additional events on weeknights. This includes continuing trivia in the Caf, which started during Welcome Back Week.

"It was such a hit when we did it during Welcome Back Week that we've decided to host another," Pool said. "It's a way for students to be out of the rooms, have something to do, win a few prizes, but still be in a COVID-19 safe environment."

Since SAC was not able to host as many events in the fall due to COVID-19 guidelines, they were able to host other events in the spring once some of the campus' COVID restrictions changed.

Homecoming

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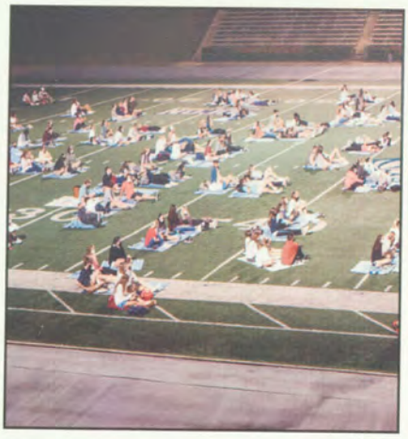
Photos courtesy of: Student Activies Council



Homecoming, like many annual events, looked a little different this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Student Activities Council was determined to make this year's Homecoming just as fun as always.

"Our goal was to provide opportunities to engage with Samford and to celebrate our students in a covid-safe way," Meredith Stone, Student Activities Council Director of Special Events, said.

"Because of covid, there is no football," Stone said. "Therefore homecoming, while traditionally a way to celebrate our football team, became more of a celebration of our students. We were able to transition some of our traditional events to a COVID-safe platform. For example, our homecoming boards were banners this year and hung in the Caf for all of our students to enjoy."

Events for the weekend included a Virtual 5k, Diversity and Intercultural Initiatives Virtual Day Party, Pancakes With the Pres, Family Movie Night, and Class Reunions.

Even some notable alumni, like 1992 graduate Tony Hale, joined in on the festivities. Hale voiced the character of Forky in the recent Pixar film, "Toy Story 4", which was part of the Family Movie Night event.

"Hope everybody's comfortable in their sweatpants. I know I am," Hale said. "Nice shirt on top and sweatpants on the bottom — nobody knows the difference. I mean, let's be honest, this is probably the most comfortable Homecoming that Samford has ever had, right?"

Stone was confident that the Homecoming events would not cause an influx in coronavirus cases on campus.

"We did every event and giveaway following covid guidelines," Stone said. "Through events, tabling, and various giveaways we were able to put on events in a COVID-safe manner."

In a promotional video for this year's Homecoming, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland said, "We're going to make the best of a not so great situation, so join us! It'll be fun."

Despite the looming shadow of a global pandemic, students and alumni have enjoyed the opportunity to have some safe fun and social interaction at the end of an unusual semester.

"Our students have been so responsive to our events and giveaways. It was definitely a successful homecoming week," Stone said.

Miss Samford

Article by: Camille Womack
Photos courtesy of: Madison Ward

Miss Samford University is an annual beauty pageant held by the university. The contest was first held in 1948 as Miss Howard College. It also serves as one of the qualifiers for competing in the Miss Alabama pageant. Madison Ward has served in the term of Miss Samford for the 2020-2021 academic year. Due to the pandemic, her duties have been different due to COVID guidelines, but she still has been to lead her term successfully.

"I am so blessed to be able to represent this amazing school for another year, and though this year has looked different, I believe it is important to be creative in the ways we can serve others," Ward said.

During the beginning of the pandemic, she founded her platform S.H.I.N.E. (Serving Him In Neighborhoods Everywhere) with the initiative to get more people involved in community service, by just taking a talent or a hobby that they love and using it to serve the community.

"During quarantine, I decided to use my princess party business (Royal Celebrations) to serve and bring light during a dark time. I created 'FaceTime a Princess' where families and kids could FaceTime their favorite princess and with no initial charge. With every call, we just gave them the opportunity to give money to Children's Miracle Network. Whatever amount was on their heart to give, 100% of the proceeds went straight to CMN. This was great because we were able to bless families in that way, but we were also raising money for Children's Miracle Network," Ward said.

Her favorite part of serving as Miss Samford has been the community.

"Everyone has been so welcoming, and it is the biggest honor to represent this incredible school for two years," Ward expressed. "This has been a crazy year, but I have been so blessed. I am excited for the next half-year as Miss Samford and to compete in Miss Alabama in June."

Lighting of the Way

Article by: Selah Vetter
Photos courtesy of: Entre Nous Staff

Due to the semester ending before Thanksgiving, combined with ongoing COVID-19 guidelines, many students at Samford University were concerned that Lighting of the Way would not occur. Then, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland stepped in.

"As it turns out, COVID is not the Grinch that stole Christmas, after all," Westmoreland said.

The Samford Activities Council hosted Lighting of the Way on Nov. 19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Quad. Like the Fall Festival, it was a ticketed event. The decorated tree and the garland on the gates were just the beginning of this event. There was also ornament painting, music and food. SAC also continued the tradition of having luminaries on the Quad.

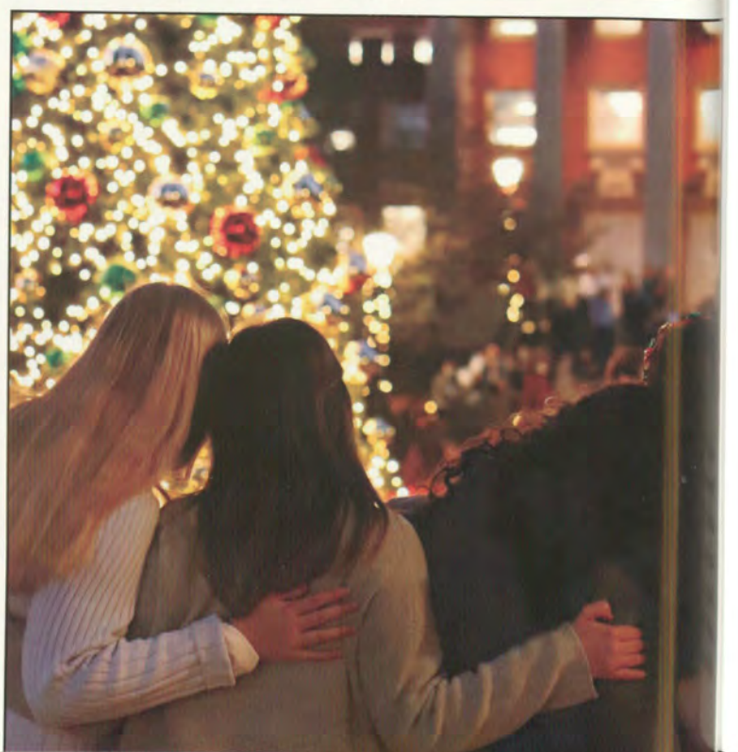
"My favorite aspect of Lighting of the Way is that we experience, as a united Samford community, the sheer joy of Christmas," Westmoreland said. "For most of us, it is the first time during the Christmas season that lights are turned on and the tree is decorated, and I love the fact that we share that time together as a Samford family."

Westmoreland believes this is a special tradition for the Samford community, reminding the students of the truth about the Christmas season.

"Samford is far more than Christian in name only, and the tradition of Lighting of the Way allows the exuberance of our celebration of Christ to find free and pure expression. The event is joy-filled, as it should be," Westmoreland said.

Since Westmoreland planned to retire as president of the university next year, this was his and his wife's, First Lady Jeanna Westmoreland, last time leading Lighting of the Way.

"Jeanna and I are extremely happy as we approach the event, but there is no escaping the poignancy of this being our last time," Westmoreland said. "One of the most memorable features of the 2020 celebration is that it will actually occur — despite the COVID challenges we have faced this year."



Samford United Campus Worship

Article by: Katy Beth Boyers
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After Lighting of the Way, Samford United hosted a live, socially distanced campus worship on the football field. During worship, Samford University President Andrew Westmoreland and First Lady Jeanna Westmoreland made a surprise appearance, where they discussed the end of the semester, the upcoming retirement and continued the tradition of reading the birth of Jesus Christ in the Bible. After the reading, they counted down the virtual lighting of the Christmas tree on the quad.

Step Sing 2021 CANCELED

Article by: Entre Staff
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The still ongoing COVID-19 pandemic during the spring 2021 semester meant Samford University could not host one of its most beloved traditions: Step Sing. Step Sing has been a staple on campus since 1951. Over the course of more than 70 years, students from across campus have come together to sing and dance for family and friends. Samford students and the greater community alike expressed dissapointment in the canceling of the event, but looked forward to its promised return. Take a look back in time at Step Sing through the years.

The Black Student Organization, 199(

Zeta Tau Alpha, 1991

Freshman Class, 1992

Sophomore class, 1990

Rehearsals, 1964

Sigma Nu, 1982

Rehearsals, 1979

Lauren Milner, Trica Davis, Mary Marline, & Brecca Lightsey, 2001

BSU Choir, 1992

Easter Egg Hunt

Article by: Moriah Maso
Photos courtesy of: Moriah Mason & SA

On April 1 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Student Activities Council held several Easter Egg Hunts on the Quad. At the event, a total of three groups had the opportunity to locate Easter eggs on the Quad.

According to Student Government Association Vice President for Events Claire Pool, each egg was either stuffed with candy or redeemable prizes from business vouchers to raffle tickets. If a student found an egg with a raffle ticket, then they could exchange it for a prize.

After each group was finished exchanging their prizes, they were able to eat different ice cream treats and participate in various games such as cornhole and spike ball.

According to Pool, the only difficulties event organizers encountered were having to run the event at three different times and also having to hide Easter eggs.

SAC member Kaia Hicks provided information on how th Student Activities Council made this event work with COV ID-19 protocols.

"We were outside for this event, wore masks, social distance as much as possible, and the Easter egg hunt was split into thre different time slots," Hicks said. Although COVID-19 did affec this event, I don't feel like it made it less fun."

Pool said she believes the event was successful and fun for stu dents.

"I honestly believe this is the best event we've had all year, du to COVID-19 restrictions," she said. "I think students were s excited to be able to feel like they were at a normal event- eve though we still followed all of the guidelines. It felt great to b able to be outside, playing music and having fun with one an other."

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Article by: Katy Beth Boyers
Photos courtesy of: Samford University

On the evening of April 8, 2021 Samford University announced it had acquired over 3,000 doses of the Pfizer SARS-CoV-2 vaccine that would be available for all students starting April 14. Then, on April 12, Samford announced that family members of students could sign up for the on-campus vaccination clinic as well. Samford University said it strongly encouraged students to take the vaccine.

Colin Coyne, the university's Chief Strategy Officer, said that by Sunday April 11, over 1,000 students had signed up for the on-campus vaccination. He also mentioned that Samford previously provided the vaccine to 550 students in high-exposure situations or who had pre-existing circumstances.

Along with that, full-time and part-time Samford employees had also been given the opportunity to be vaccinated.On April 9, Samford announced employees' immediate family members could also register for the vaccine.

Coyne said that feedback from students, faculty and the Samford community has been positive overall.

"Regarding the most recent clinic, folks seem especially excited that we've been able to provide this opportunity in time for returning home and the summer."

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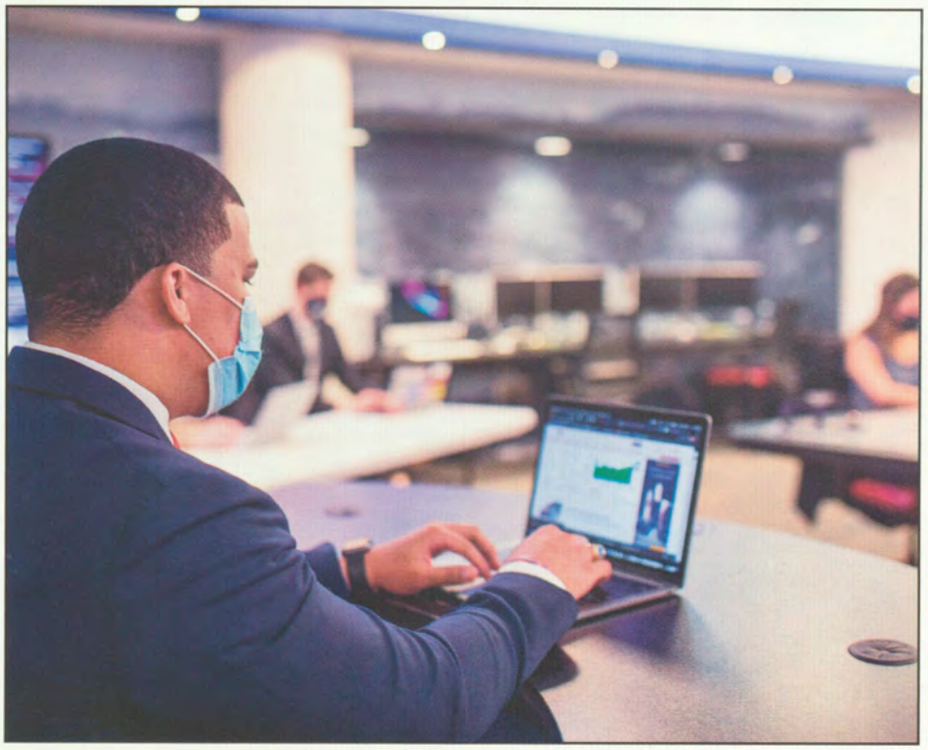

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Brock School of Business

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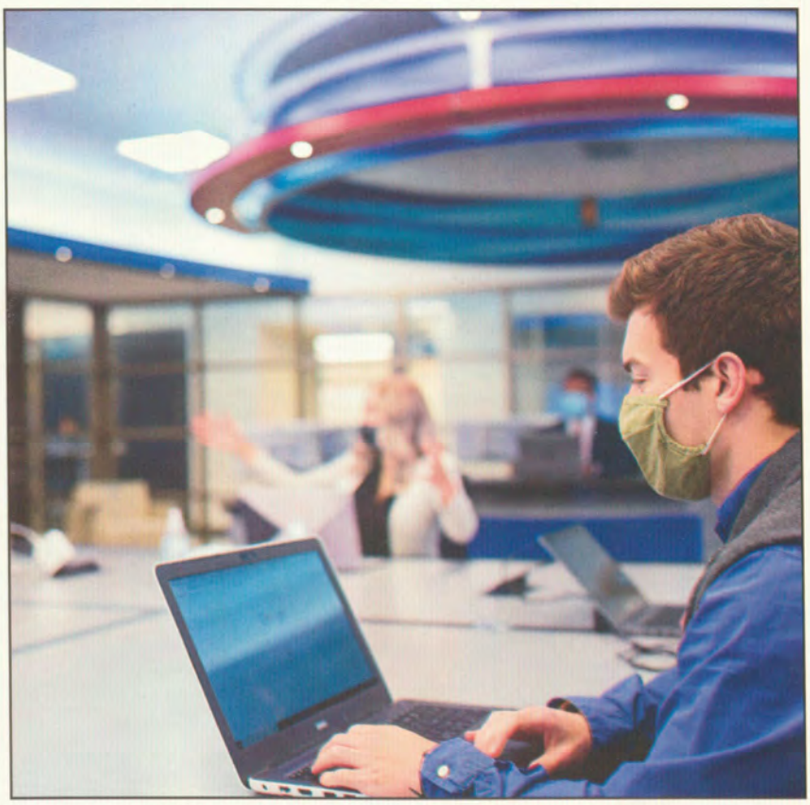
The Brock School of Business offers both undergraduate and graduate-level courses as part of its fully accredited AACSB International program. Named after long-time Samford trustee and entrepreneur Harry B. Brock, Jr., the School of Business "delivers lifelong business education to its constituents through quality teaching, meaningful scholarship, and servant relationships, imbued by its Christian commitment," according to its mission statement.

Undergraduate students can pursue a bachelor of science in business administration with majors including accounting, economics, and finance, to name a few. Graduate-level students can pursue a master of accountancy or a master of business administration with an array of concentrations.

Students interested in the program, but who wish not to major in the field, are able to minor in areas including, but not limited to accounting, data analytics, entrepreneurship, and marketing.



College of Health Sciences

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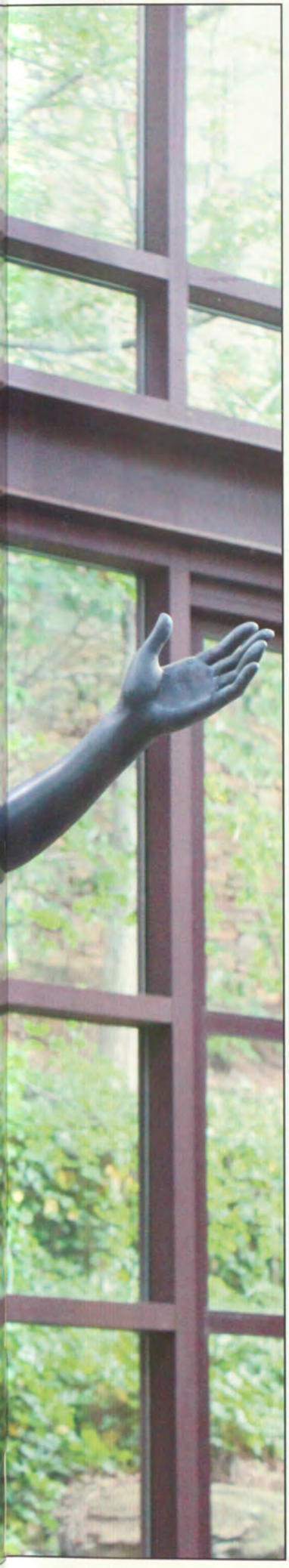
Samford's College of Health Sciences is comprised of four independent schools that work together as part of an interdisciplinary approach to encourage "students to examine today's complex health issues from a variety of perspectives," according to the College's website. The schools that make up the College of Health Sciences include: School of Health Professions, Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, and School of Public Health.

Students are able to select from more than 30 health-related majors divided between undergraduate and graduate programs.

Classrooms, clinical labs, research labs, a simulation center and student commons are all part of the College's facilities, that according to the university, span more than 223,000 square feet of space. The College's two buildings, located on the east side of campus, were dedicated in fall 2016 and serve to provide "students and faculty the opportunity to learn and work in an interprofessional environment." According to its website, "on average, approximately 1,200 students from 30 programs utilize these facilities daily."



Academic Life

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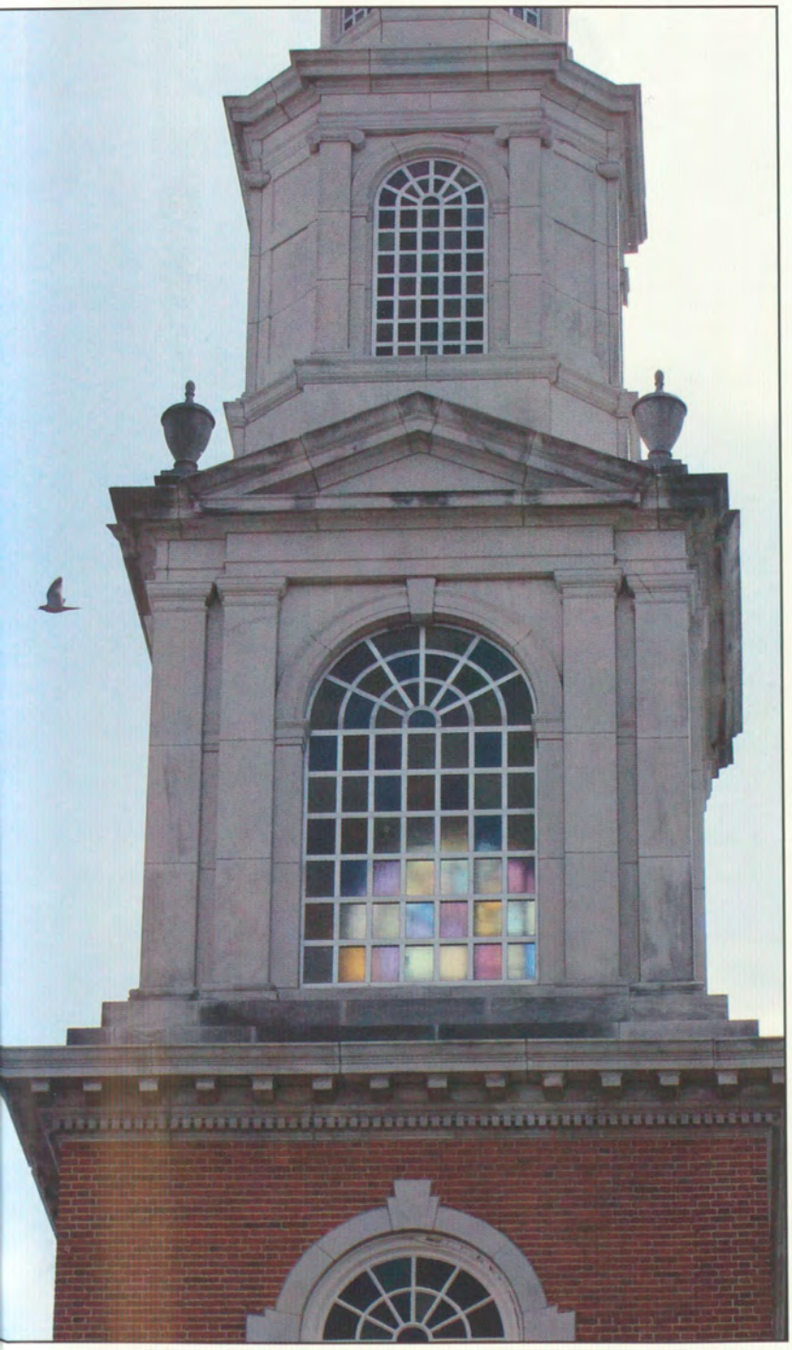

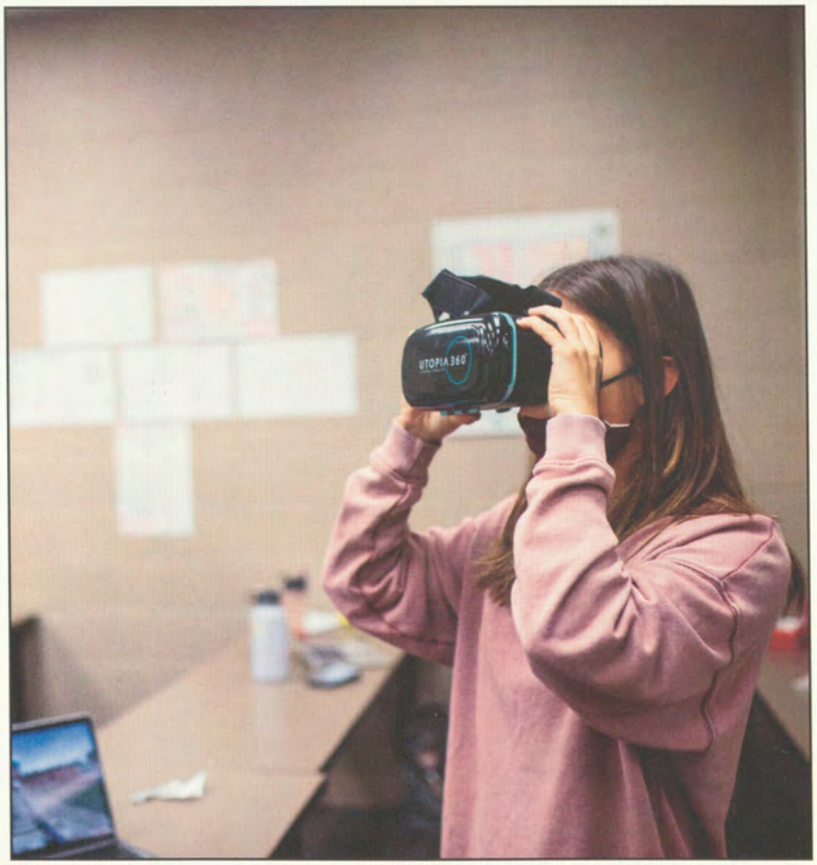

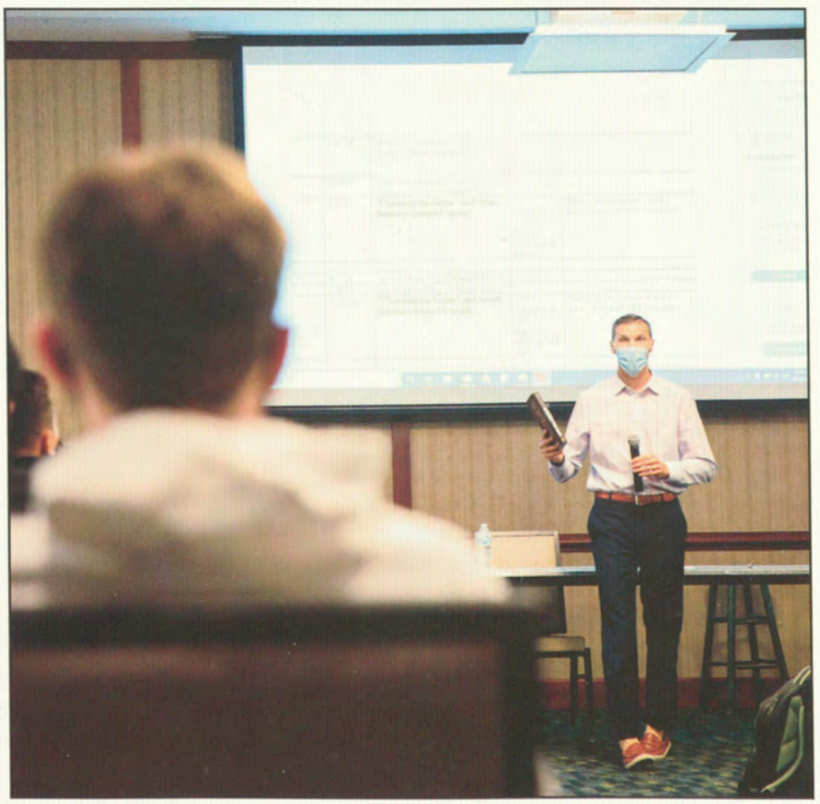

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Howard College of Arts and Sciences

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Howard College of Arts and Sciences, often referred to as the "heart" of Samford University, boasts a total of 13 departments offering a total of more than 40 majors and concentrations combined. Established in 1841, the College is among the largest at the University and enrolls some 945 students. Departments include, but are not limited to, Biblical and Religious Studies, Communication and Media, Political Science, Chemistry and Biochemistry.

According to its website, "Howard College of Arts and Sciences inspires students to a lifetime of inquiry and service through engaged learning, faculty research and vocational discovery within the liberal arts and the Christian ethical and intellectual traditions."

Orlean Beeson School of Education

Article and Photos by: Orlean Beeson School of Education

The Orlean Beeson School of Education seeks to equip and empower students with the knowledge needed to become leaders in their chosen field.

Kamryn Ashby, a junior majoring in secondary education, said she believes leadership is important in education because you're helping to shape your students' futures.

"I think the School of Education has helped me to be a leader because of the many opportunities it gives us to be in schools, to observe, student teach and get involved way before we graduate," she said. "We get a lot of experience and it really helps us to be comfortable with students and being a role model and educator before we graduate."

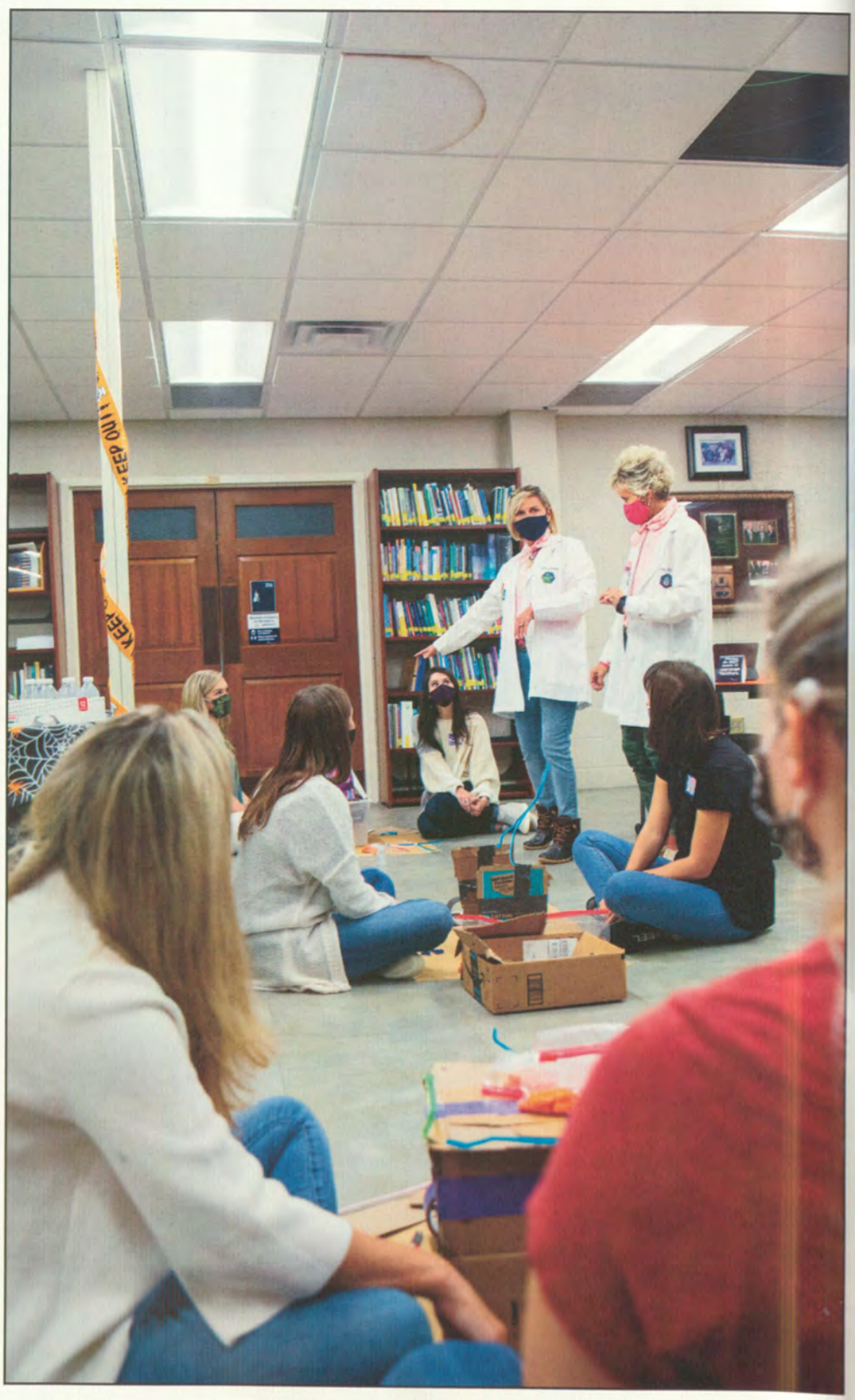
Working with COVID-19 protocols, faculty at the School of Education got creative with their activities and lessons.

The school's secondary education students "traveled" to places like Normandy, Indianapolis and Mexico – all through virtual experiences.

Using Google Expeditions for virtual reality, each student learned how to incorporate technology into the classroom by creating a virtual tour covering a particular topic.

Senior Maggie Shaw created a project covering World War II which would allow students to virtually visit battle memorials, the Auschwitz Museum, the beaches of Normandy and the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

"It allows a student to actually experience what you're teaching in the classroom," said Shaw. "It's really powerful to have these tools to improve both our students' experienceddd and our ability to teach in a world that is so surrounded by technology."



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School of the Arts

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Samford's School of the Arts offers students courses in five different depertments including Architecture & Interior Design, Art & Design, Christian Ministry, Music, and Theatre & Dance.

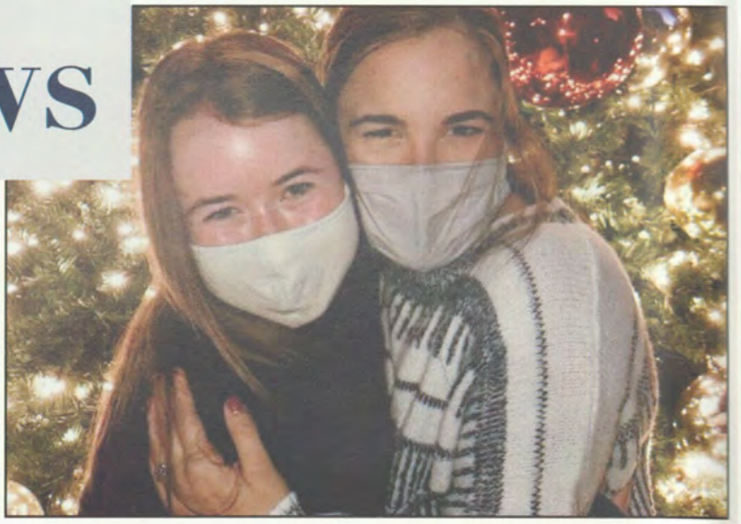
According to its website, the School "prepares today's artist to shape tomorrow's world by inspiring artistry, promoting scholarship and realizing professionalism as we serve the community in the spirit of Christ."

Despite the pauses that came to regular programming at the School of Arts during the height of the pandemic, various exciting developments took place school-wide. The Division of Music, for example, added a new program in commercial music.

During the spring of 2021, the Division of Arts and Design grew into two distinct departments, offering degrees in studio art, graphic design and game design and 3D animation.

ART GALLERY

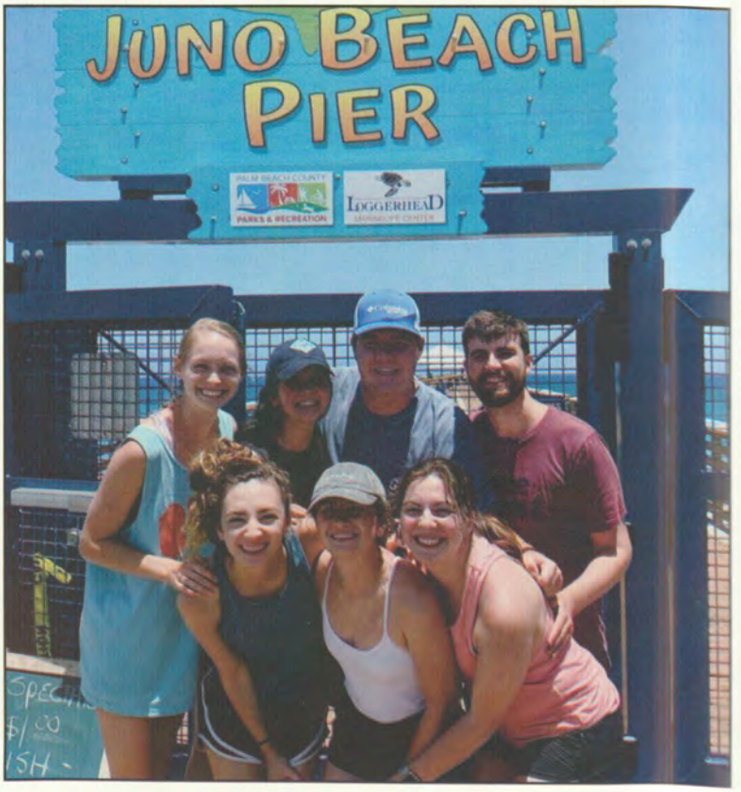
Micah Fellows



Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos courtesy of: Micah Fellows

During their four years at Samford, Micah Fellows are guided by the words of Micah 6:8: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Students are selected for the service-oriented honors program through an application and interview process. Along with participating in specifically designed coursework and small discussion cadres, Micah Fellows take part in various internships at Birmingham-based service organizations. Micah Fellows also participate in a spring break service trip where they travel to a location to put their learning into action. During their junior year, Micah Fellows take part in an international service trip where they travel to Ireland.

Before graduating, Micah Fellows complete a capstone project aimed at creating a permanent change to the Birmingham community.



University Fellows

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Photos courtesy of: University Fellows

Students who are part of Samford's honors college are known as University Fellows. According to the University Fellows' website, the kinds of students selected for the highly competitive program are "intellectually curious, ambitious students who want to make connections across disciplines."

Along with following an interdisciplinary great ideas core curriculum, Fellows have the opportunity to take part in various international study opportunities. During their sophomore year, University Fellows travel to Italy as part of a subsidized trip where they spend two weeks visiting parts of Rome and Florence. Junior and senior Fellows are able to use international study abroad scholarships as part of their access to an endowed gift from the Daniel Foundation and travel to places like London, Argentina, France, Peru, Costa Rica, Jordan, and Israel. Students also have access to Excellence Funds, which in the past have help Fellows travel for global service and internships in areas such as Haiti, Peru, India and Uganda.

The program is open to all undergraduate majors, but students must be admitted as high school seniors.

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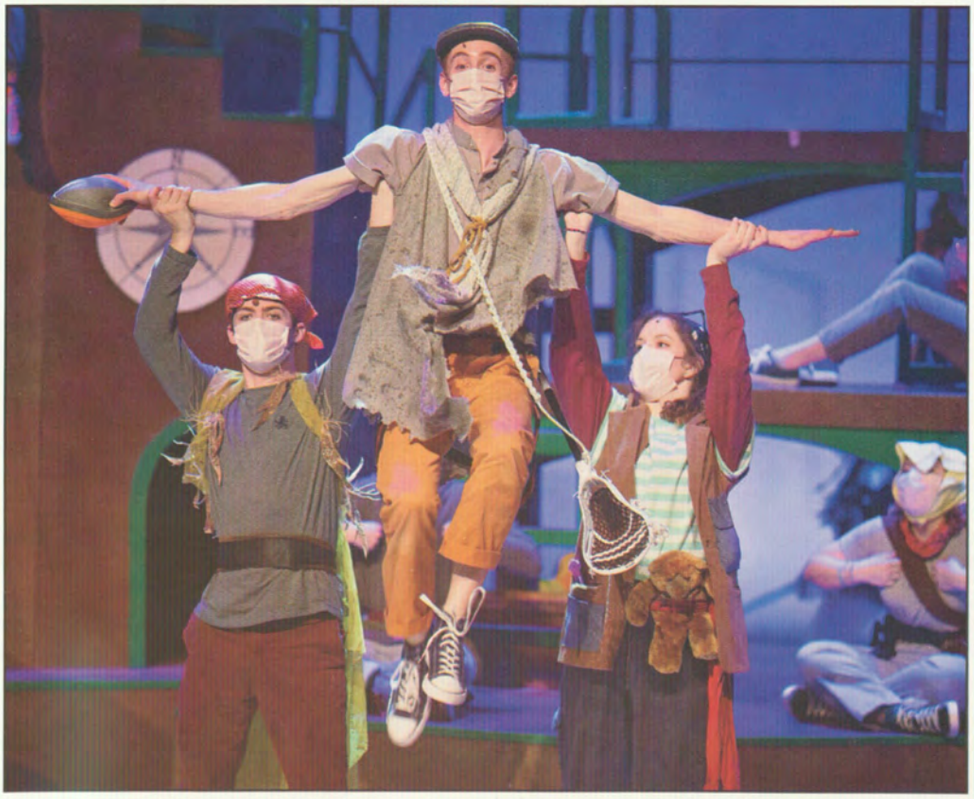

Mainstage Productions

Article by: Nicholas Di Prima
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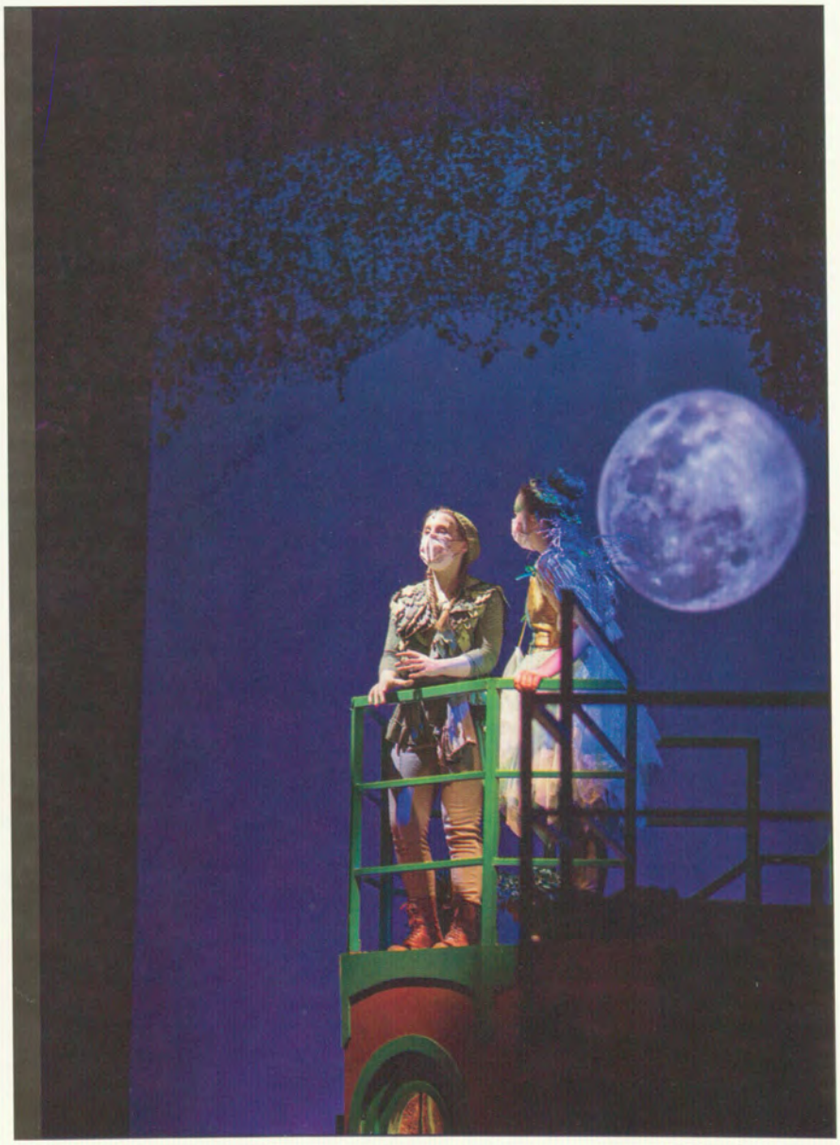
Samford University Theatre and Dance has a mainstage season of performances every year, spread out into each semester. Performers typically do 6-7 Mainstage performances a year with productions ranging from Theatre for Youth shows to big flashy musicals. Mainstage performances included "Tinker Bell" and "Little Women."

Each of these shows was double cast in order to prepare for the possibility that an actor would test positive for COVID.

Each show was rehearsed and performed fully masked in adherence with the CDC guidelines set in place for Samford's campus.



Underground Theatre

Article by: Mia Banuelos
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Underground Theatre is a student-led performance season that happens at the same time as the Samford Theatre's mainstage season. Throughout the semester, this group has shows, film festivals and conversation forums.

Nicholas "Nic" Di Prima, a senior theatre for youth major, is the current artistic director. He helps plan events, fundraising, and communicates with the faculty advisor.

"We perform two to three shows a semester with productions ranging from one-act plays to table readings. Although we have a faculty advisor, each show is produced by a student, performed by a student, designed by a student and directed by a student," Prima said.

This organization also welcomes people outside of the department to participate. One event in the fall even had an English class come to watch an adaptation of William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing.

COVID-19 has brought about new events for the organization.

Prima focused on Underground Theatre this past year.

"We have done so many tremendous works, but I would say that this past semester was my favorite. We expanded the Underground in ways we didn't know were possible. Due to COVID-19, we were not able to put on our usual season of productions, so instead, we created a new season."

Christina Ledbetter, a junior musical theatre major, will serve as next year's artistic director. She focused on her plans for next year.

"The mission of Underground is to create opportunities for everyone – that's what drew me to Samford – and I want that to stay a prominent part. Again, depending on what the fall looks like, I think there will be lots of room for multiple productions each semester, which is super exciting. Lots of stories deserve to be shared, and the Underground is a fantastic way to make that happen," she said.

AUDIENCE

DIVINITY HALL

Lungs

Article by: Kate Young
Photos Courtesy of: School of Arts

When students were suddenly sent home last semester to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, the theater department was forced to postpone performances to the fall semester. One of these shows was "Lungs," a two-person play directed by Scott Baron.

"It's a very unique show in its subject matter," Baron said, "It speaks to the events right now. It speaks to us right now. It speaks to where we're at right now. It's just a very poignant piece for the moment."

Rachel Bass, an actress in the show, said acting during a pandemic presents unique challenges.

"It's a hard show. Just the emotional arc that the characters go through, and also just the style that it's written in is so similar to how people speak," she said. "You have to create intimacy without physical closeness."

Jake Lane, an actor in the show, agreed.

"It's also really difficult in finding those moments that are more intense and still being away from each other," he said.

One of the techniques the theater department has relied on in the age of coronavirus is using a grid to help distance actors.

"The lines on the floor are spaced so each circle is three feet, so as long as we're always two circles away from each other or on the same circle, but a certain amount of spokes away from each other, we're always six feet apart," Bass said .

The circular grid was an intentional artistic decision from Baron to help direct the actor's movements during the play.

"It's so much easier to build up momentum when you're on a circle than when you're on a straight line," Baron explained. "Is [the character] avoiding a question that he's asking? Well, then let's block it so that she's chasing him across the circles."

While working on a show in a socially distant environment is different for the actors, Emily Hankinson, the stage manager, finds her role has remained relatively the same.

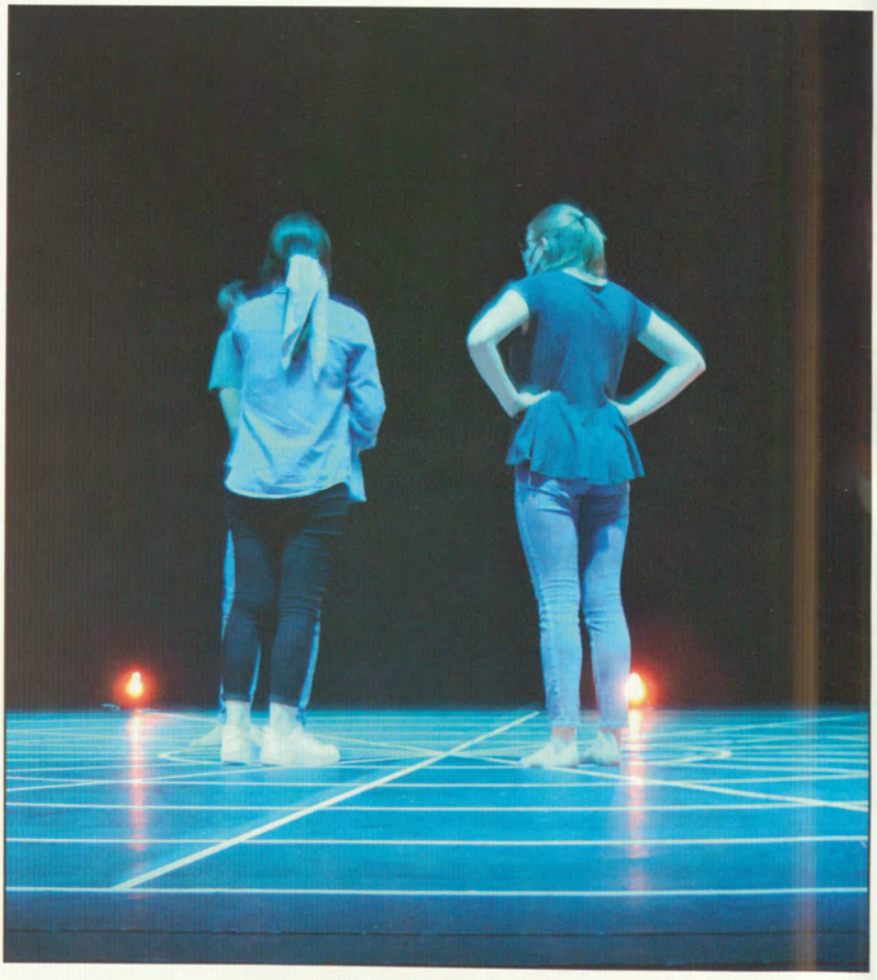
"A lot of my responsibilities are things that can and usually are done on my own computer. I'm emailing and scheduling and all these things I do on Google Docs, so I don't actually have to interact that much. It doesn't feel that different to me," Hankinson said.

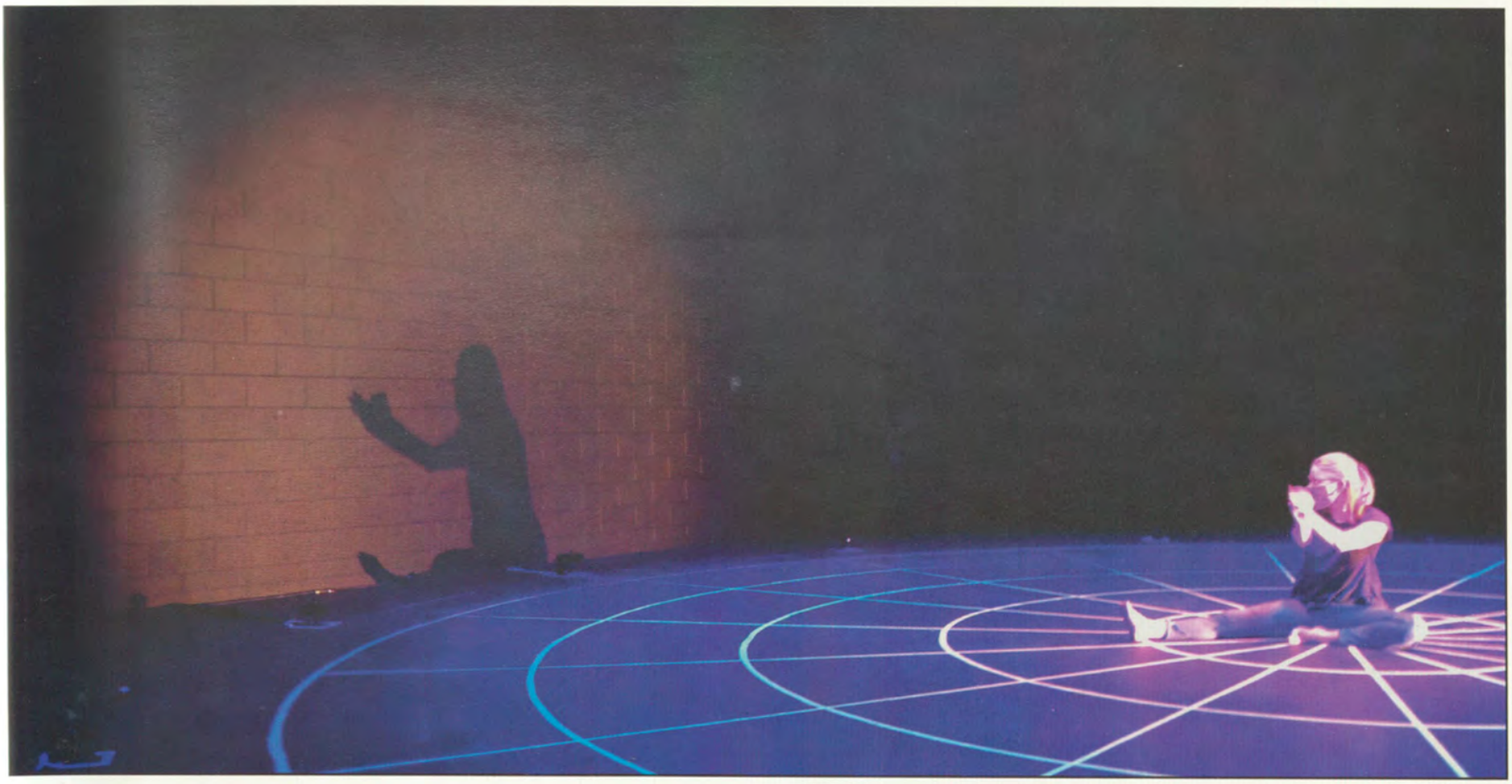
However, a new obligation was added to Hankinson's responsibilities as stage manager.

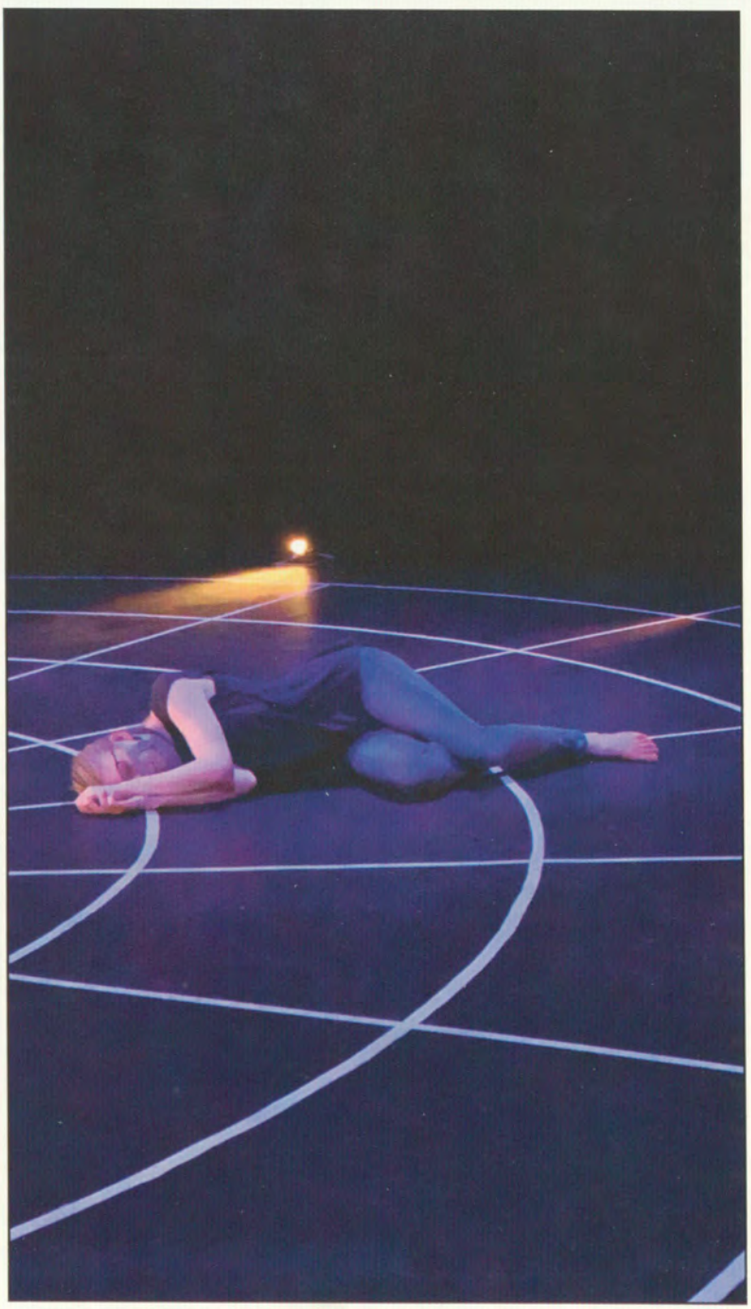
"I have to take everyone's temperature, including my own, to make sure that everyone has a normal temperature," Hankinson said. "In this scenario, if one of them has too low or too high of a temperature, I'm supposed to kick them out."

Baron said the actors have gotten creative with the pandemic-era restrictions.

"I think this play lends itself well to social distancing in a way in that it's not how it was originally created and intended for, but it's not that hard to make the jump," Baron said confidently. "I think we'll do an excellent job of creating something new."







Overnight Theatre

Article by: Mia Banuelos
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Overnight Theatre is a new student-led organization in Samford's Theatre department. This group was formed as a way to keep theatre alive in the midst of the pandemic.

Jake Lane, a junior English major and Theatre minor, and Lana Stringer, a senior Theatre major.

"Overnight Theatre started as a result of Jake Lane and I feeling creatively stifled during the beginning of the pandemic and wanting to find an innovative, proactive solution to that problem," Stringer said.

Every other week, different groups of students are assigned a topic based on an overarching theme. Each group contains at least one actor and one writer who have 24 hours to write, direct, perform, and record a video.

Braydie Aldrich, a Theatre for Youth major, focused on his favorite part of Overnight Theatre.

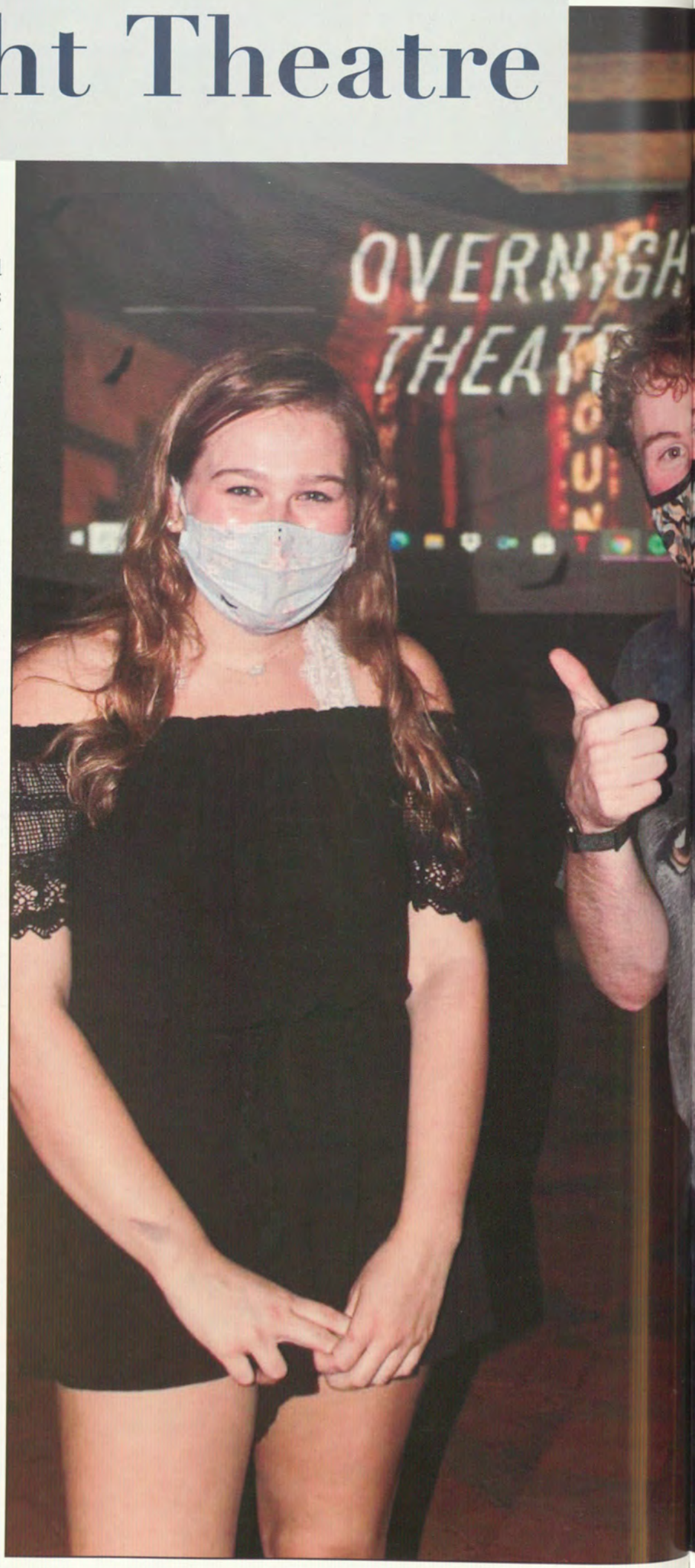
"Overnight is a wild process because you literally do everything so fast, but that's what makes it so much fun and exciting. We watch our projects all together and that inspires us and makes it all worth it!" Aldrich noted.

Lily Burchfield, a junior Musical Theatre major, has participated multiple times as an actor and as a writer.

"I love the creativity and collaboration of it all. For the most part, we all know what each other's prompts are and so seeing the different ways we all take them is so much fun and challenges me to improve my writing," she said.

This organization has had many events throughout the semester and plan to keep this momentum going next year.

"We hope that Overnight Theatre remains in some way after this semester, whether that be virtually over the summer, in person next semester, or in some other medium down the road. People are born to create together and we're so honored and excited to be able to foster a community which does just that," Lane said.



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University Chorale

Article by: Camille Womack
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The University Chorale hosted pop up concerts on the steps on Centennial Walk throughout the semester to bring joy and comfort to the student body.

"Due to the fact that we have still been able to gather and sing together, we were still able to fulfill the purpose of University Chorale, which is to share the gift of music with others, whether that be to an audience or with our fellow choir members," chorale member Hannah Cree said.

Cree said that even throughout the pandemic, University Chorale has served as space for fostering music for all to enjoy and make connections.

"While we are less connected with our fellow ensemble members in not being able to see everyone's faces, I feel that my membership in University Chorale has helped me continue to connect with people throughout these difficult and challenging times," Creel said. "Being a leader in this ensemble amidst a pandemic has taught me as a music educator I never underestimate the power of music."

A Capella Choir

Article by: Entre Nous Staff
Photos courtesy of: Samford University

Like the rest of the world, the internationally-renowned Samford Univeristy A Capella Choir ceased performing at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Having just celebrated its 80th anniversary the previous year, the Choir looked forward to an academic year that once again held plans for international performances. The group remained active via social media, occassionally sharing performances to keep the tight-knit group and its fans hopeful. When it is active, the Choir performs both regionally and internationally, as well as at various university functions. Per its website, auditions for membership are held throughout the summer.

-The picture below was taken prior to the pandemic.

Worship Arts Ensemble

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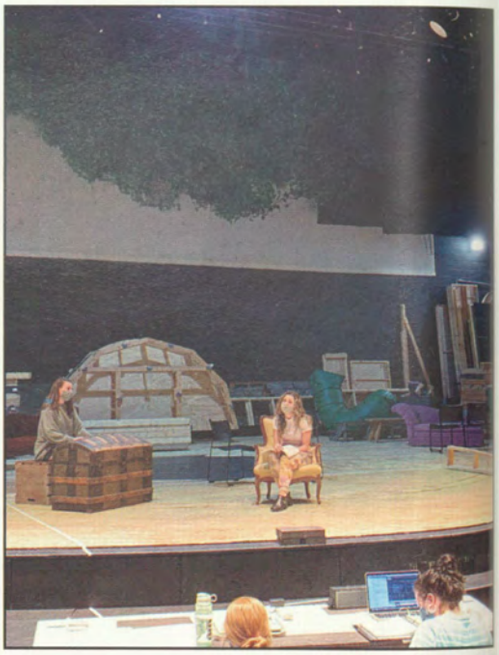
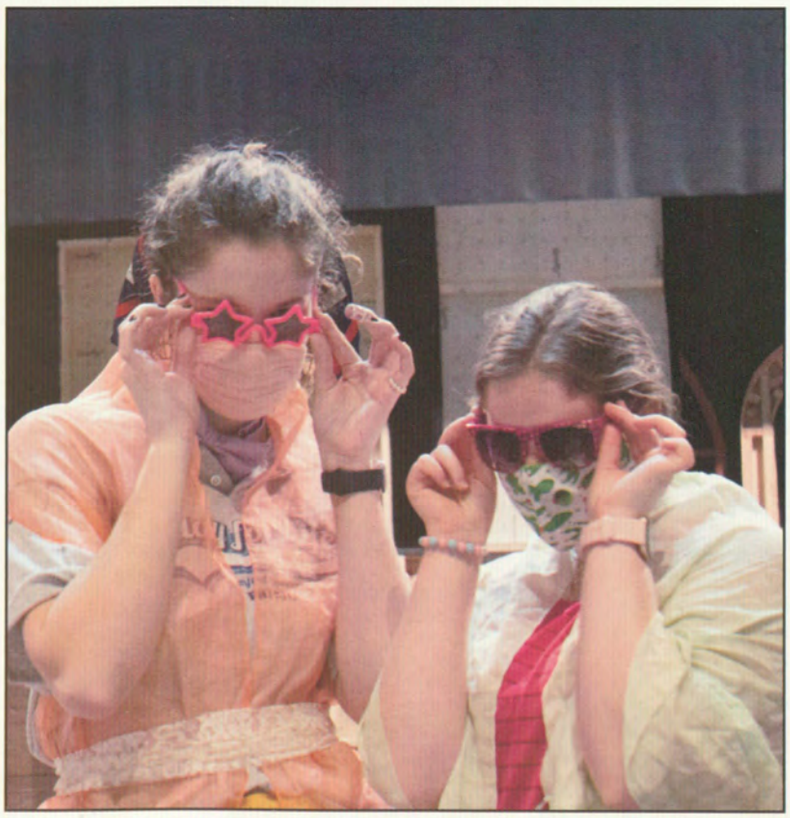
Photos courtesy of: WAE

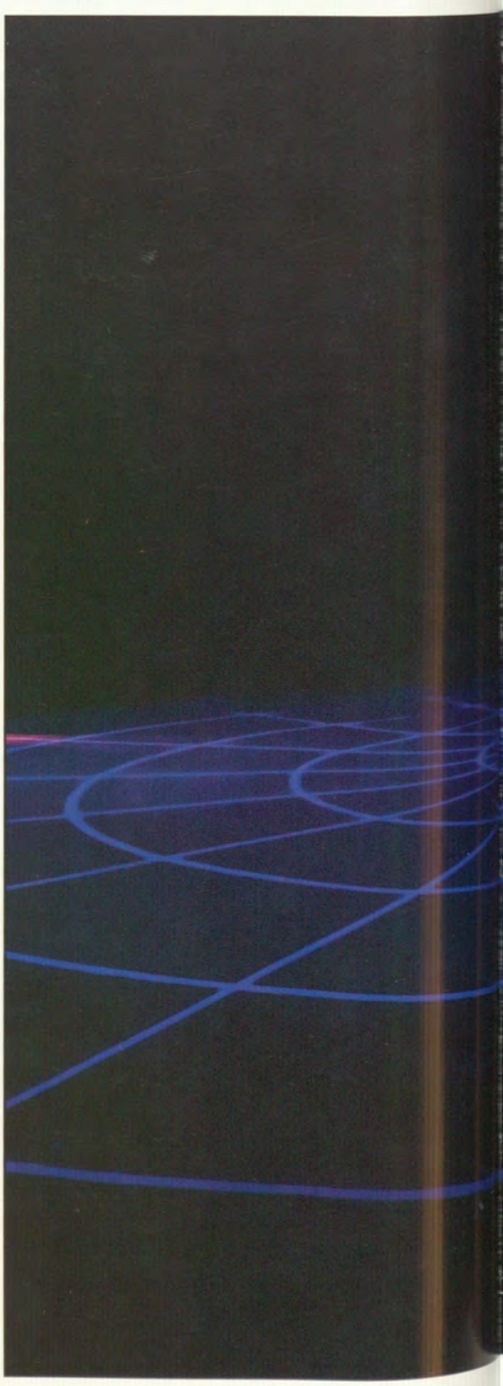
Worship Arts Ensemble, known as WAE on campus, is typically made up of a 15-member vocal ensemble, a rythym band and other components, according to its website.

The group leads worship concerts both on and off campus through diverse worship styles. One of the most distinct qualities of the group is its inclusion of non-music majors. A typical performance will including everything from a cappella vocal worship and traditional music to violin, gospel and contemporary worship songs accompanied by drums and guitar.

More information about the group can be found on WAE's Instagram page, @samfordwae.







Arts *Behind the Scenes*

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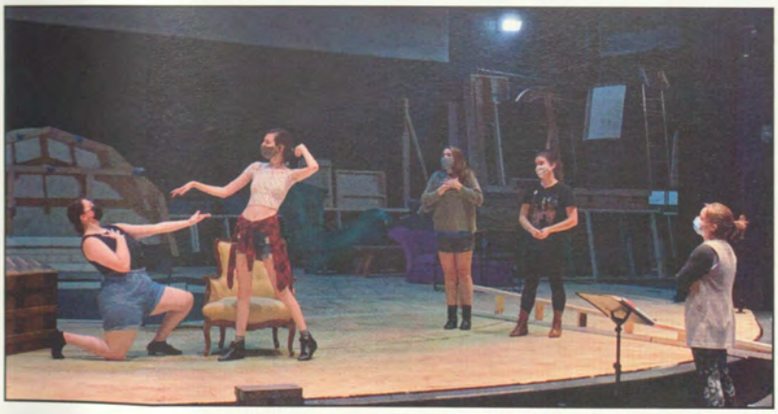

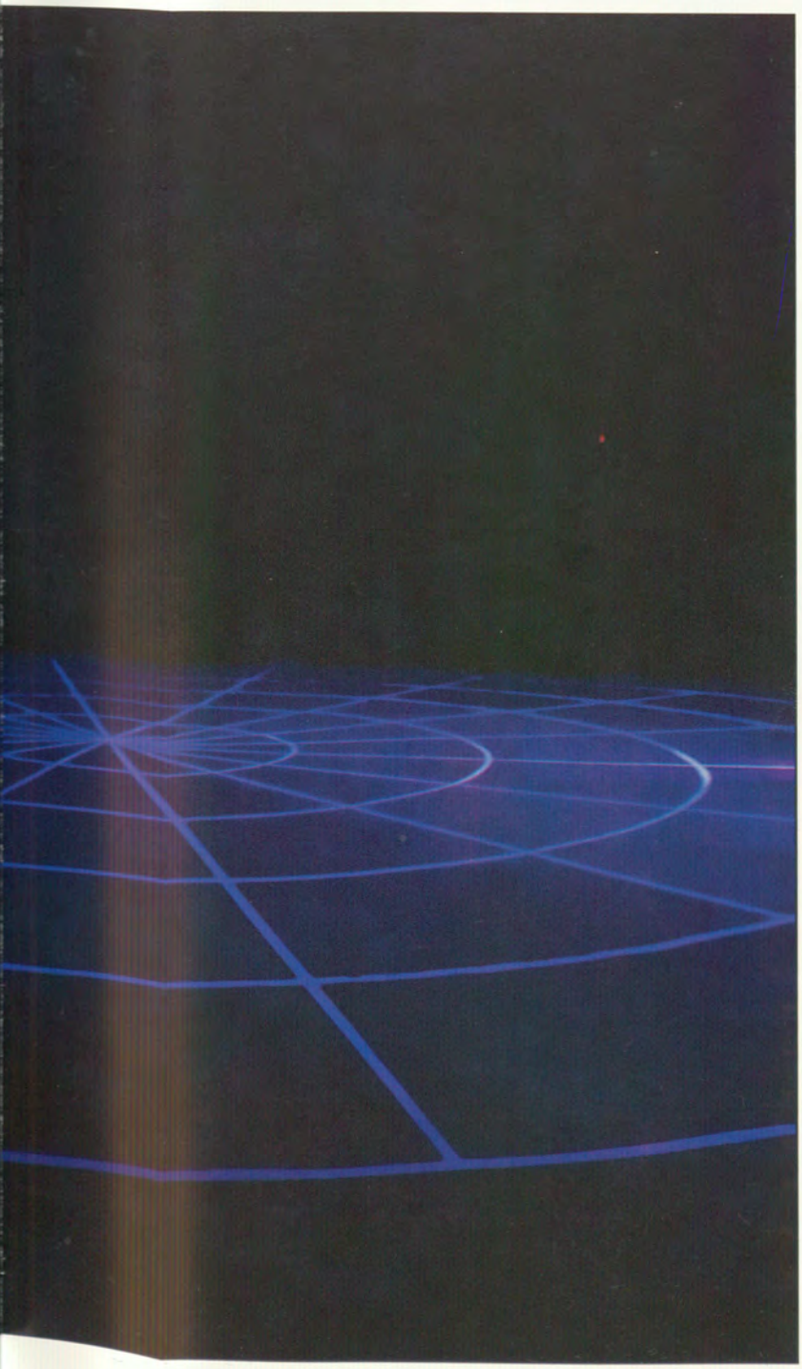

Athletics

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Football

Article by: Carson Caulfield, The Samford Crimson
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The Samford Bulldogs finished their 2021 spring football season on April 17 with a bout against the #23 Mercer Bears in Birmingham. The Bulldogs won the game convincingly, 44-20.

This win gave the Bulldogs a 4-3 final record, pushing them to above .500 for the first time since 2018. This was head coach Chris Hatcher's first season above .500 without current NFL quarterback Devlin Hodges.

The Bulldogs overcame several challenges this season, one of them being an abbreviated seven-game schedule due to COVID-19 restrictions. Additionally, the Bulldogs only played teams within the Southern Conference.

Another challenge for Samford this season was acclimating a new offensive and defensive coordinator to the team in the same season. Hatcher brought in Nick Benedetto from the University of Sioux Falls to lead the defense, and promoted Mitch Stewart, the former wide receivers coach, to lead the offense.

Though much of the Samford game plan looked similar, there were some significant improvements on both sides of the ball.

The Samford defense is infamously known for having one of the weaker secondaries in the conference, giving up copious amounts of passing yards in almost every game. This year, Benedetto was ready to change the culture.

Benedetto's squad only allowed 27.3 points per game, compared to 37.8 last year. They also recorded eight interceptions and 21 sacks on the year. The defense looked fresh and recharged each and every game under Benedetto.

An amazing surprise this year has been the leadership and dominance of quarterback Liam Welch. Welch threw 12 touchdowns this season and 373 yards per game.

Welch's incredible spring season was recognized when he received the 2021 SoCon Offensive Player of the Year Award. This award comes after being on the bench for four seasons, and finally breaking into his anticipated role as starting quarterback for the Bulldogs.

This time of year would normally be the offseason with summer training soon to come. This year; however, the Bulldogs have to gear right back up and prepare for the fall season.

"I think this win shows our team what we are capable of doing," Welch told Samford Sports after defeating Mercer. "We've got a lot of work to do, but this is a good sign."

Fall football will return later this year. The Bulldogs will begin their season on Sept. 2 against Tennessee Tech of the Ohio Valley Conference. They will also travel to Gainesville, Florida, on Nov. 11 to take on FBS opponent Florida.

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ETSU	**17-24 L**
Western Carolina	**55-27 W**
Furman	**37-44 L**
Wofford	**37-31 W**
VMI	**37-38 L**
The Citadel	**55-7 W**
Chattanooga	**Canceled**
Mercer	**44-21 W**

Cheerleading Team

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Dance Team

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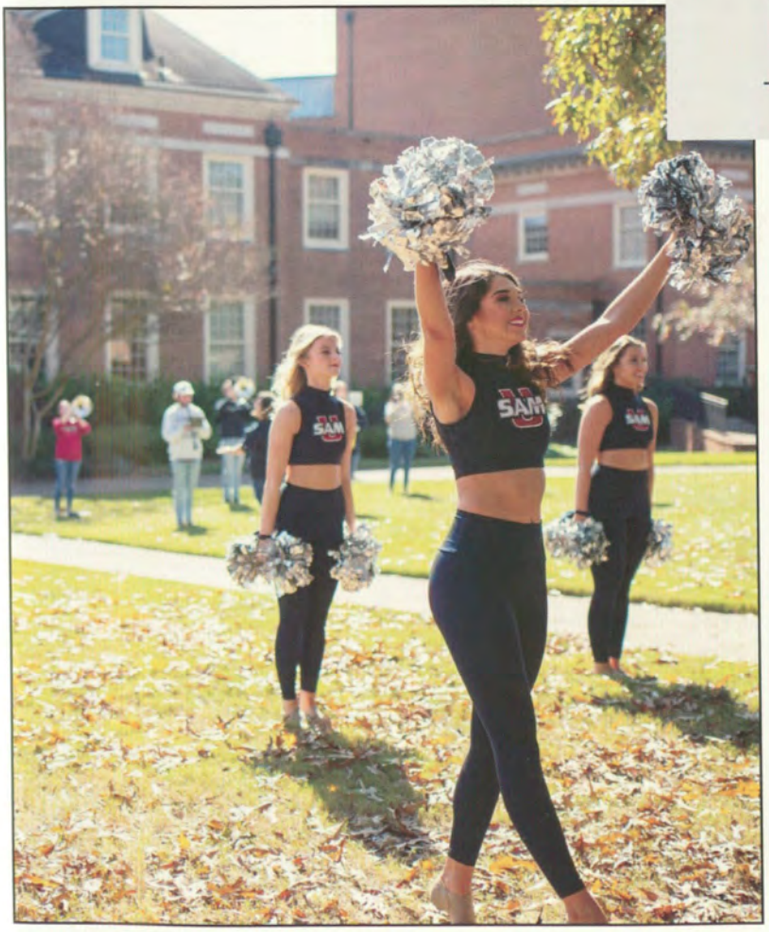

Marching Band

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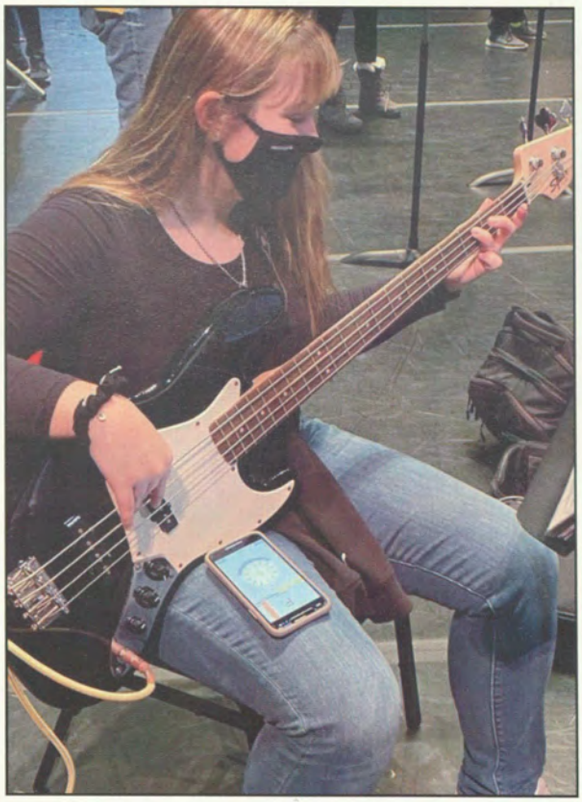

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vs. Chattanooga 0-0 T	vs. VMI 2-0 W
vs. Western Carolina 3-0 W	vs. UNC Greensboro 2-0 W
vs. ETSU 5-0 W	**SOCON Tournament**
vs. Wofford 2-0 W	vs. Mercer 6-1 W
vs. Furman 1-1 T	vs. Furman 1-2 L

Soccer

Article by: Cassie Beth Powell
Photos courtesy of: Samford Athletics

With its seventh-straight Southern Conference Regular Season Championship, the Samford women's soccer team continued its tradition of winning in 2021. The team finished with an overall record of 8-2-3, and a SoCon record of 7-0-2. The Bulldogs hosted the conference tournament as the No. 1 seed and dominated conference foes on their way to the championship match.

In addition to its seventh-straight conference championship, seven players earned postseason honors. Forward Taylor Yount, midfielder Alyssa Frazier, defenders Kylie Gazza and Lexi Orman, along with goalkeeper Morgan McAslan were named to the first team All-SoCon team. Forward Caroline Orman was given second team honors and defender Ella Simpson was named to the league's All-Freshman team.

Head coach Todd Yelton, Samford's winningest coach in the history of the soccer program, said the team's depth has been crucial to its success.

"I think the strength of this group is we can play in a lot of different spots and they are very versatile in what they can do. I think that we can generate enough goals and hopefully, at the end of the day, we push one more over the line than our opponents do. One is just as good as a million when it's done."

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Men's Basketball

Article by: Carson Caulfield and Gunnar Sadowey
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Head coach Bucky McMillan concluded his first season with the Men's Basketball team with a 6-13, 2-9 SoCon record. Not only was this McMillan's first season with Samford, but also his first season coaching a college basketball program. Before joining Samford, McMillan led the Mountain Brook High School team to several state championships.

Though the year started off strong, McMillan's first year with the Bulldogs has had a fair share of challenges and obstacles. This included eight game cancellations, injuries and close losses.

The team's top scorer, senior guard Myron Gordon, was injured on Jan. 14 against UNCG. Four days later, the team's next top scorer, Christian Guess, was also injured.

This forced several freshmen to expand their roles in the lineup.

The Bulldogs entered the Southern Conference Tournament as the 10th seed. An 87-59 loss to Mercer meant the team was knocked out of the tournament in the opening round at Harrah's Cherokee Center.

Forward Logan Dye led Samford with 12 points and eight rebounds. Preston Parks and Marcellus Vail added nine points each.

Mercer was led in scoring by Ross Cummings, Felipe Haase and Leon Ayers III, each of whom netted 17 points.

Ayers also had five assists and Haase collected eight rebounds. James Glisson III added 12 points for the Bears (16-10).

Mercer used a 12-0 run to take a 22-8 lead with 9:19 left in the first half following a 3-pointer by Ayers.

Samford cut the lead to five points at 22-17 with 7:23 left in the first half after a pair of free throws by Dye, but Mercer responded with a run of its own to make the score 37-20 with 1:59 left in the half.

Mercer entered the halftime period with a 39-22 lead.

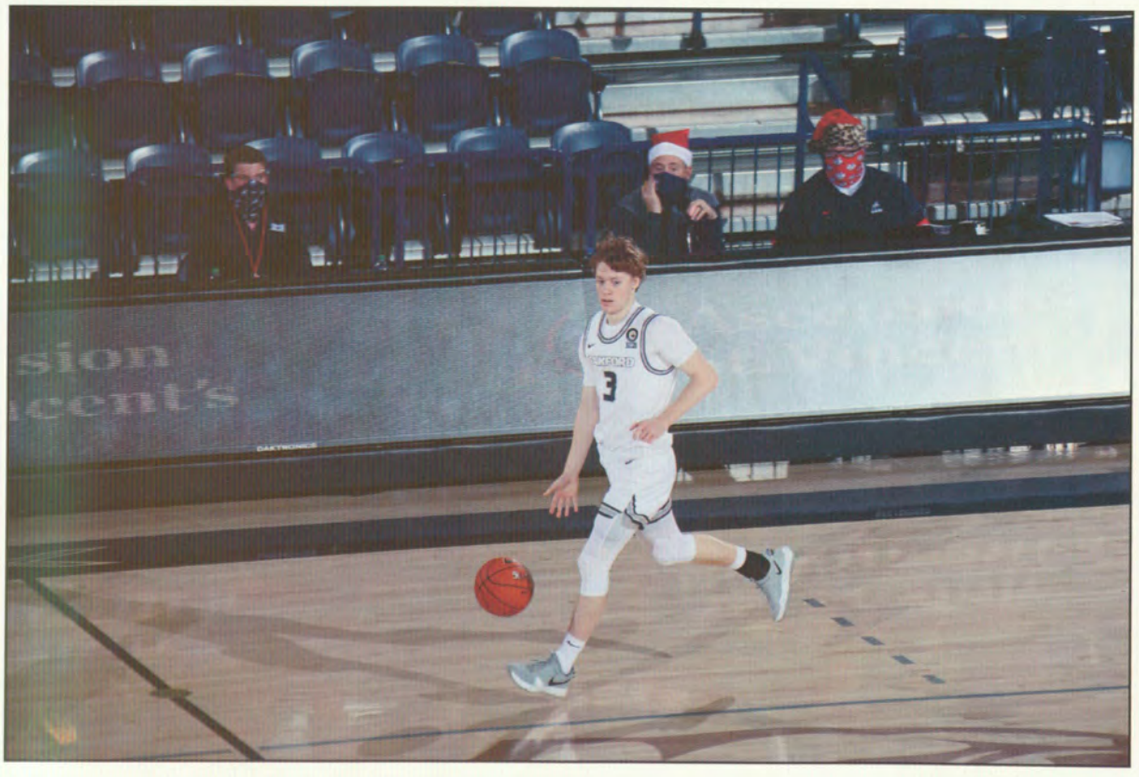
Mercer never looked back, and continued to increase its advantage, going up 58-35 with 13:38 to play.

The closest Samford would come to overcoming the deficit was at 58-40 with 12:43 to go in the game after a jumper by Parks.

Mercer extended its lead to 34 points at 77-43 with 6:02 left after a 3-pointer by Haase.

Samford would get no closer than 25 points the rest of the way as Mercer closed the game out.

The Bulldogs will be back in action under head coach Bucky McMillan in the fall of 2021.



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Women's Basketball

Article by: Carson Caulfield and Gunnar Sadowey
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The Women's Basketball team finished its season with a 14-11, 11-2 SoCon record under head coach Carley Kuhns. The season marked Kuhns' second season with the Bulldogs.

Last season, Kuhns led the Bulldogs to a Southern Conference Tournament title, and a berth into the NCAA Tournament. However, the COVID-19 pandemic sent the Bulldogs home early.

Despite this, Kuhns has kept her foot on the gas pedal.

The team's top scorer this season was junior guard Andrea Cournoyer, a recent transfer from Louisiana-Lafayette. Cournoyer averaged 18 points, 3.6 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game.

The team's frontcourt has been led by senior center Natalie Armstrong and junior forward Annie Ramil.

Back on the court after the COVID-19 pandemic ended the team's NCAA Tournament dreams, the Bulldogs entered the season ready to compete.

Like Cournoyer, Ramil is another recent transfer recruited by Kuhns. What may be more impressive than Kuhns' recruiting skills is her ability to mesh new faces into her already established lineups.

The Women's SoCon Tournament began on March 4 with a game against ETSU. The Bulldogs entered the tournament with the first seed after winning the regular season title against Mercer. The Bulldogs however, lost a close one with a final score of 61-68 and were eliminated from the tournament. The team went on to play in the WNIT on March 19, but lost in the first round 45-64 against Ole Miss. During the consolation semis, the Bulldogs fell 62-68 to Illinois State.

The Bulldogs will be back in action next season on Nov. 11 with a road game against Iowa.

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Volleyball

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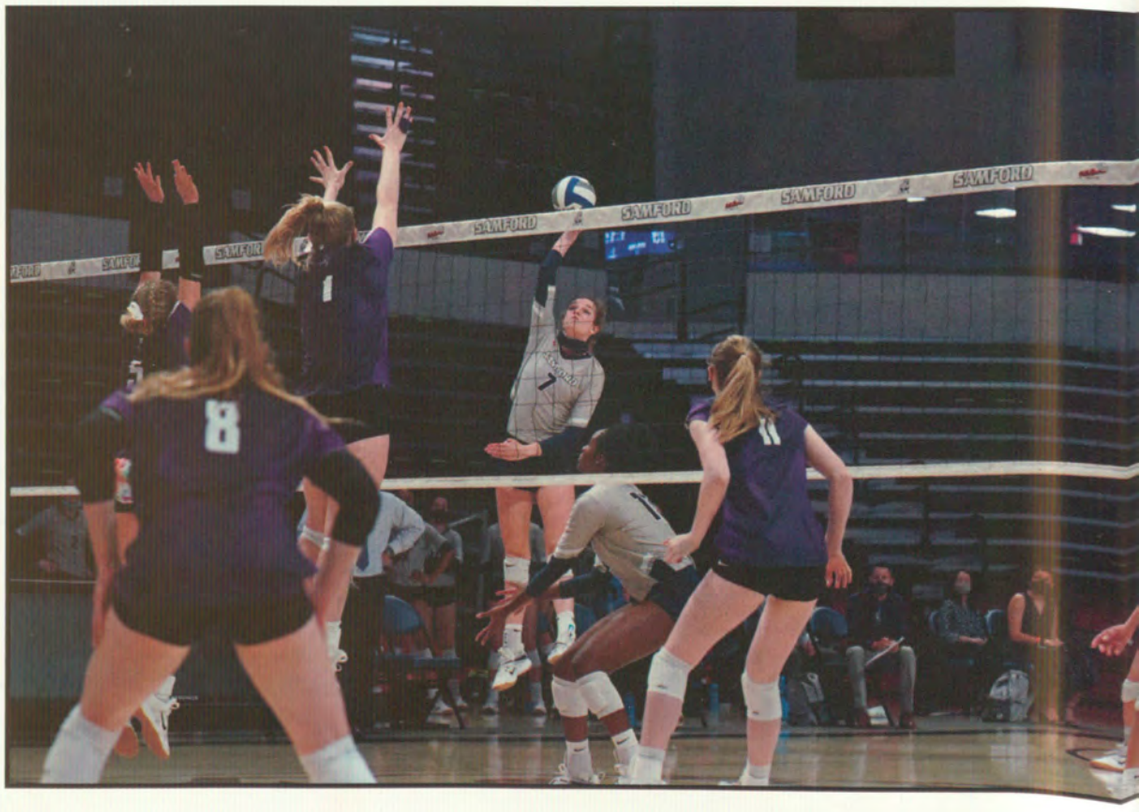
Although the Samford women's volleyball team traditionally plays in the fall, spring matches, rescheduled to the COVID-19 pandemic, did not hold the team back from another successful season. Posting an overall record of 15-4 this season, the Bulldogs won their second-straight Regular Season Southern Conference Championship. The team hosted the SoCon tournament at the Pete Hanna Center. The Bulldogs went undefeated in the tournament and claimed the conference tournament championship for the third-straight year. Individual accolades were earned at the conference tournament with exceptional performances from Lauren Deaton, who earned the tournament MVP, Sinclaire Green who was named to the All-Tournament team and Emily Naubert who was also named to the All-Tournament team.

With the conference tournament championship win against Mercer, the Bulldogs earned a spot in the NCAA Championship Tournament in Omaha, Nebraska. This was the team's third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance and the fourth in the previous five years. The team faced Wright State in the first round of the tournament, unfortunately ending its season with the matchup.

Post-season accolades included Lauren Deaton being named an honorable mention All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association with Deaton being ranked 1st in the SoCon and 13th in the nation in kills per set (4.49), and 1st in the SoCon and 18th in the nation in total kills (337). Another Bulldog, Sierra Rayzor was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team. The Bulldogs named several players to the All-SoCon team. The future looks to be bright for the Bulldogs.



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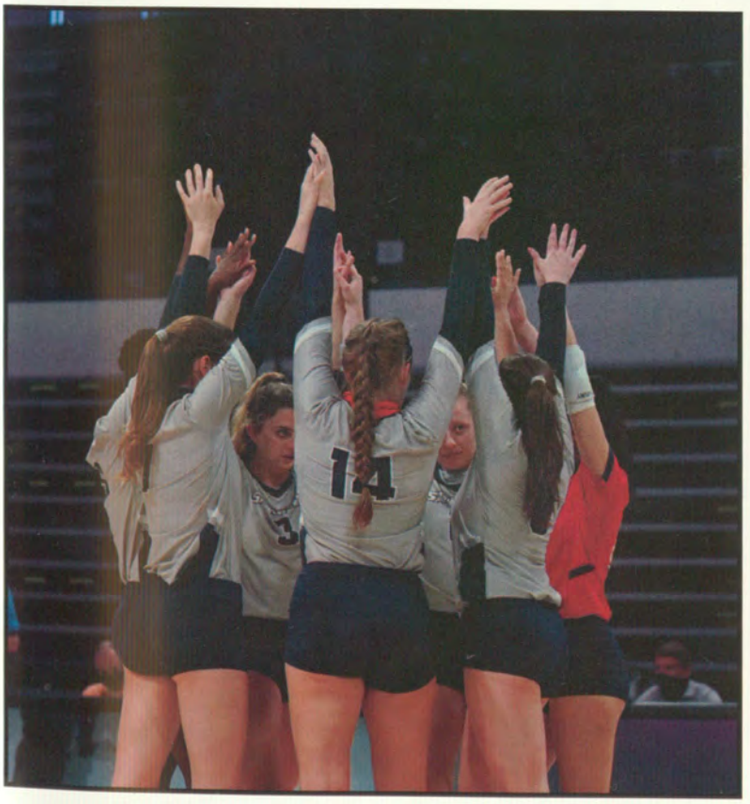

Cross Country

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Samford University's men's and women's cross-country teams were the first to compete for any Samford athletic program in the 2020-2021 athletic season following the COVID-19 pandemic postponing all NCAA athletic competitions for several months. The Bulldogs competed in the Mercer Invitational in October 2020, with the women's team winning the meet and the men's team placing second.

The SoCon Cross-Country Championships were held in November of 2020, with the women's team placing second. McKenzie Hogue earned a well-deserved spot on the Women's first team All-SoCon team, and Mary Kellison Thorne was named to the conference second team. On the men's side, two Bulldogs were named to the SoCon All-Freshman Team: Ben Myers and Charlie Lott. Both the men's and women's teams are looking for a strong and full season in 2021.

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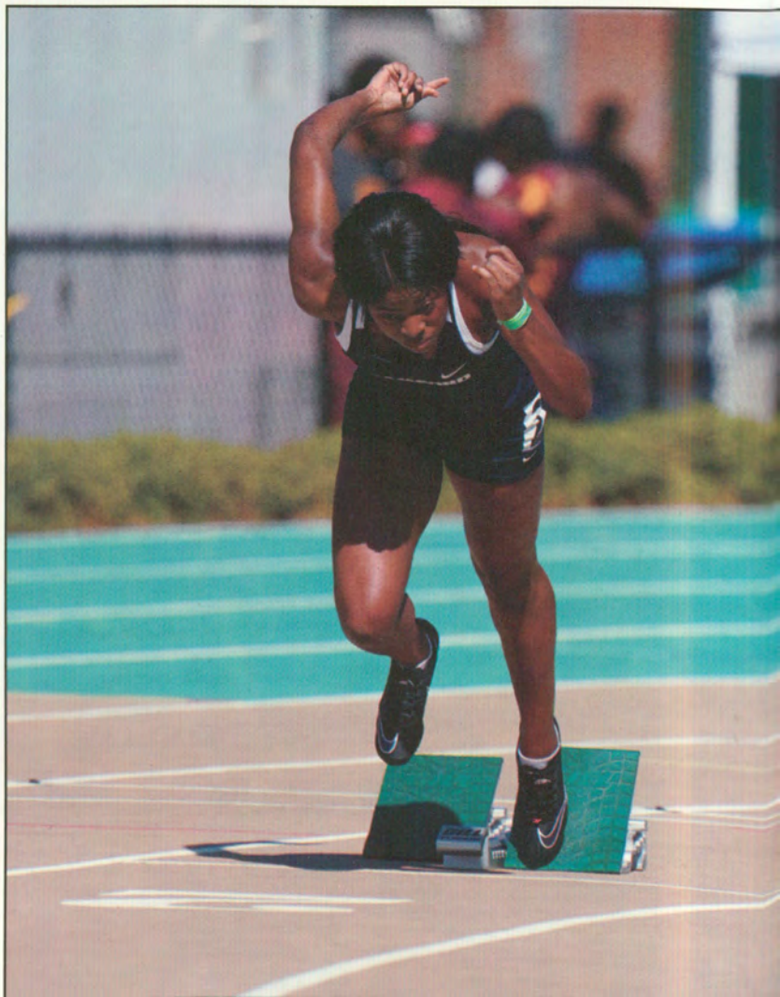

Track & Field

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Both current and former Bulldogs qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Championships and Samford's women's and men's track and field teams have become synonymous over the past few years, and this year was no different.

For the first time in program history, the Bulldogs earned SoCon Conference Championships in both women's and men's indoor and outdoor competitions in the same year for a total of four championship victories in one season.

The men's team won its second-straight indoor championship, and the women's team won a remarkable sixth-straight indoor championship. At the SoCon Outdoor Championships, the Bulldogs collectively broke a SoCon Championships record, three school records, and won a total of 14 individual SoCon titles: a truly remarkable performance.

In the postseason for outdoor track and field, nine Bulldogs qualified for the NCAA East Regionals at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida. From the Regionals, Justin Stuckey qualified for the NCAA Championships, his second of the year after qualifying for the indoor championships earlier in 2021. Stuckey was named an All-American in both indoor and outdoor events.

With the Olympics being held in Tokyo, Japan in 2021 due to COVID-19 postponing the games a year, both current and former Bulldogs qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials. Stuckey, who earned several accolades during the season for Samford, qualified for the Olympic Trials in the high jump competition. Two former Bulldogs, Karisa Nelson and Tray Oates, qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 1,500-meter run and pole vault events respectively.

Baseball

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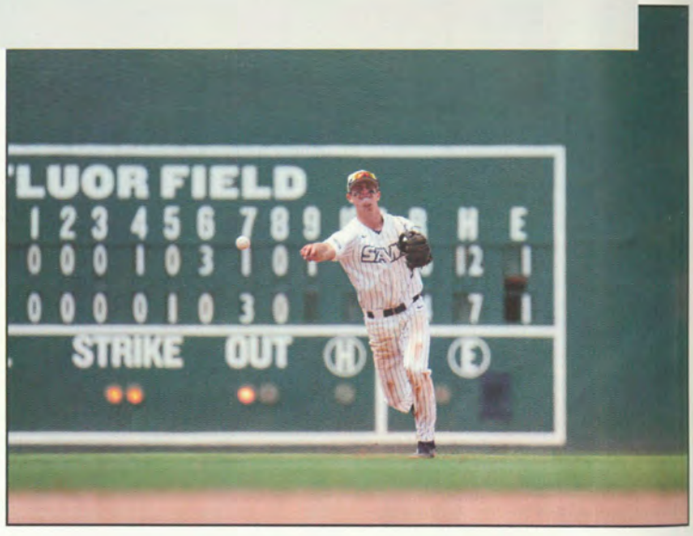

The Samford baseball team has long awaited its 2021 season, with the 2020 season being cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Several players returned this season hungry to play another successful season. The team has proven itself to be a force in the Southern Conference over the past few years, and this season was no different.

The Bulldogs lined up several SEC powerhouse-teams this season including, the (No. 7) Florida Gators, the (No. 25) Texas A&M Aggies, the (No. 2) Mississippi State Bulldogs, the Alabama Crimson Tide, and the Auburn Tigers. With multiple wins against Jacksonville State University, Troy University, cross-city rivals UAB, and Auburn, the Bulldogs finished with an impressive 7-4 record against other in-state Division I opponents. The team's very tough out-of-conference schedule provided great opportunities for growth and improvement in preparation for conference games.

Once again, Samford had a successful season in SoCon play. The team finished with a 20-10 conference record. In the SoCon tournament, the Bulldogs finished as champions once again, going undefeated against Mercer and Western Carolina to claim the title.

Winning the conference tournament gave the Bulldogs an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament at the Mississippi State Regional. Samford battled MSU in the opening game of the regional--a team that would go on to win its way to Omaha for the College World Series later on in the season--and fought back against Campbell in the second game, but unfortunately came up short. The Bulldogs finished with a winning overall record on the season.

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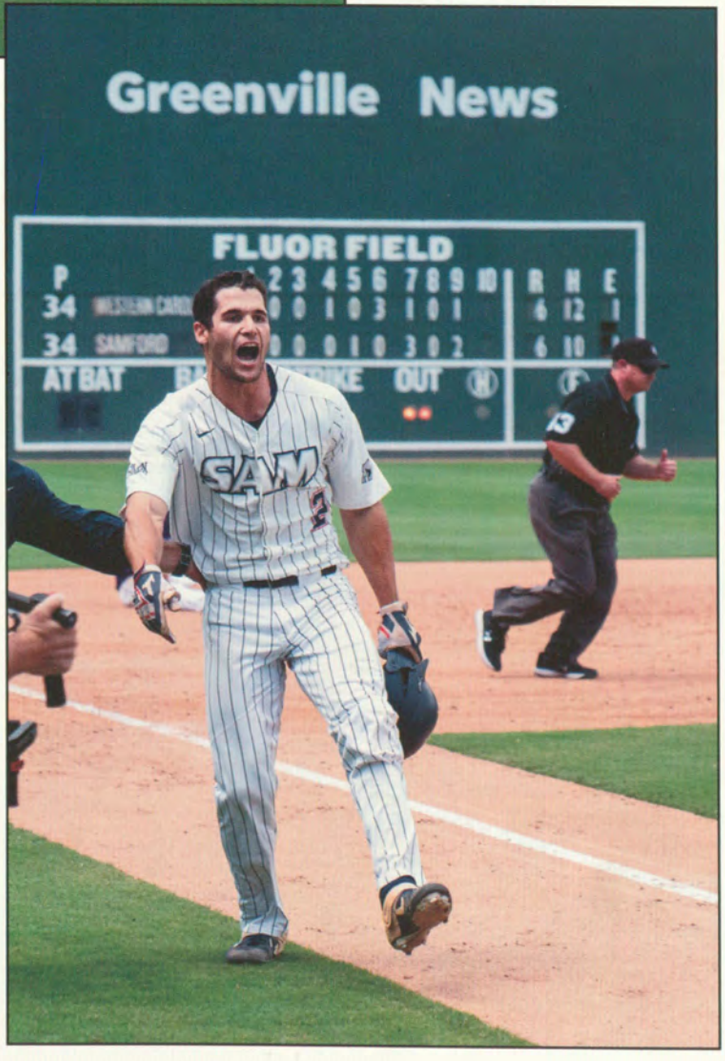
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Softball

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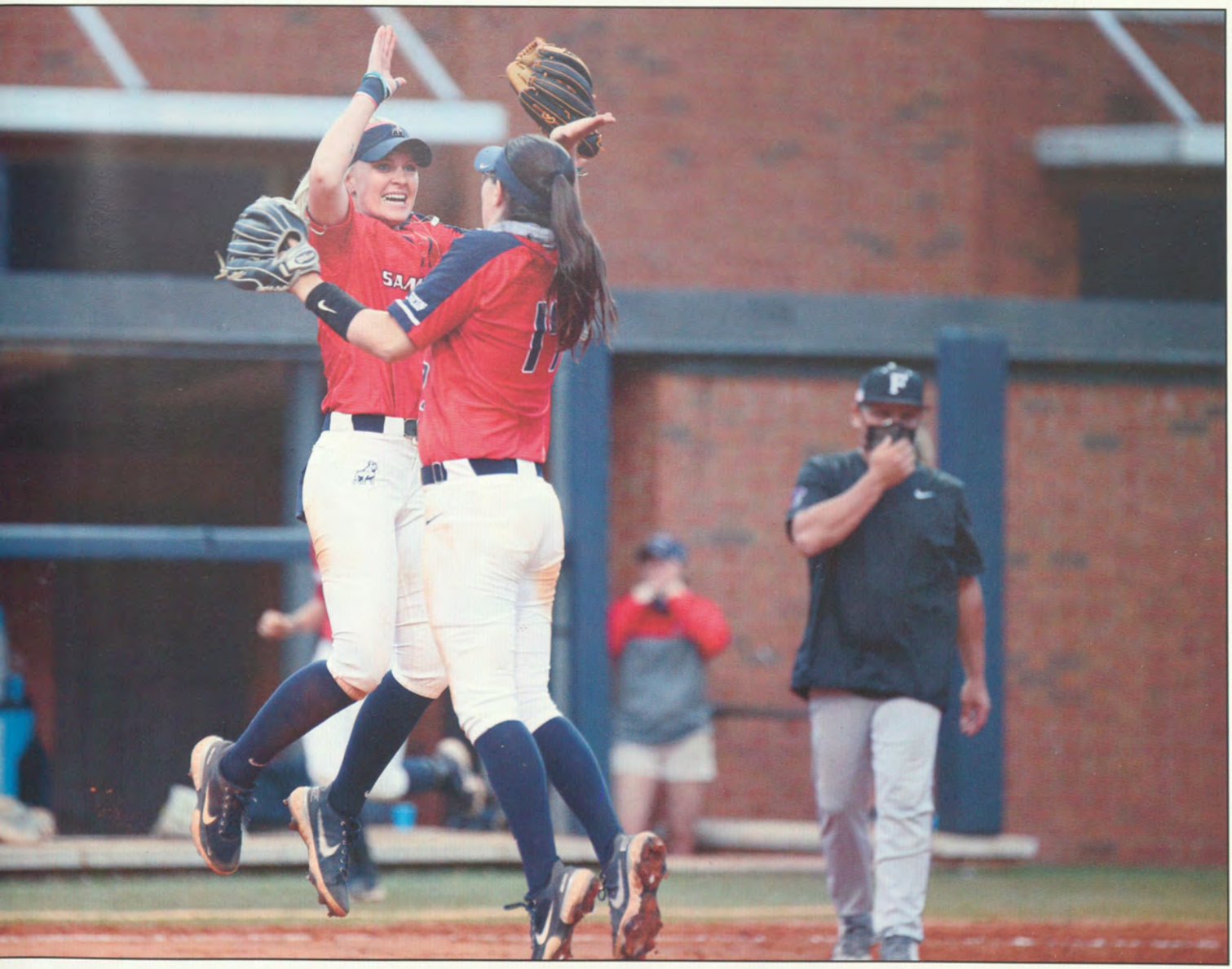
The Samford softball team strongly defended its home field this season, finishing with a winning record of 13-8 at home. Not only did the team defend its turf, but it also won the Samford Tournament in February, beating Northern Iowa and The University of Louisiana at Monroe twice to earn the tournament win.

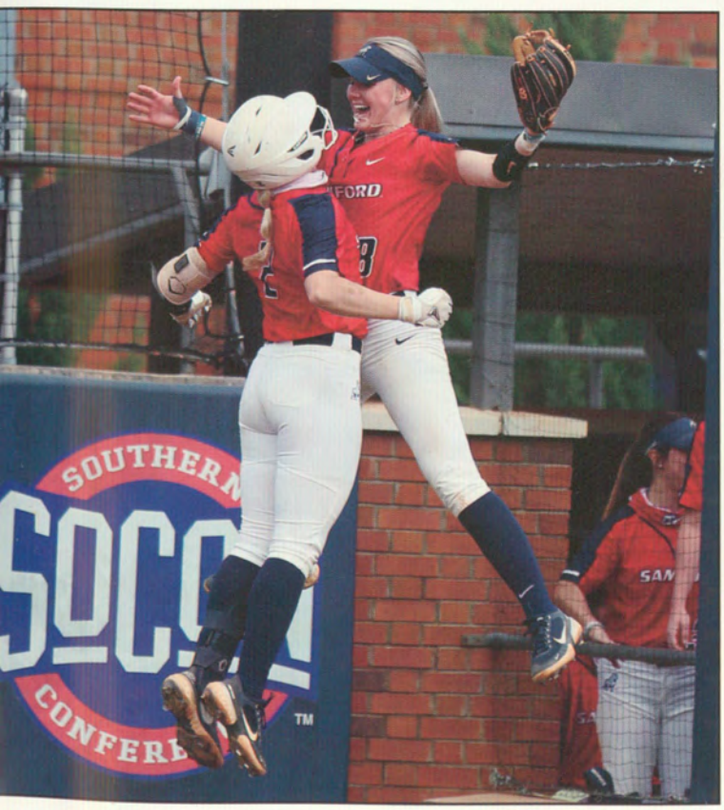
Although the team fell short of qualifying for the conference tournament this season, it did show success against several conference foes. In conference series, the Bulldogs beat Mercer, Furman, and ETSU, beating each team at least twice to win the series.

An impressive number of players earned All-Southern Conference post-season honors this year. Five players, Whitney Hinton, Timberlyn Shurbutt, Amanda Briskin, Ryan Brzozoski, and Grace Robertson, earned SoCon honors. Hinton was named First Team All-SoCon with her performance in the infield and at the plate this season. Shurbutt, Briskin, and Brzozoski were all named to the All-SoCon Second Team this season. Robertson was named to the SoCon All-Freshman team.

Hinton finished the season with a .311 batting average, eight home runs, and 23 runs batted in. She broke two school records at Samford with a career-total 42 home runs and 136 RBI's. Notable stats from other players earning All-SoCon honors include Shurbutt with 13 doubles, leading the SoCon in the category and from Briskin, who finished fifth in the SoCon regular season in batting average at .348. The All-SoCon Freshman Team member, Robertson, had an impressive slugging average this season at .576.

The Bulldogs are looking to continue to improve next season with lots of talent returning for another season.

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Tennis

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Samford's tennis programs saw another successful season in 2021, with both the men's and women's teams finishing with winning records. Both teams faced challenging opponents out of conference, which prepared them for conference matches.

The men's team came very close to a perfect regular season conference record this year, going 6-1. With that impressive record came impressive accolades. Head coach Rahim Esmail was named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year. In singles play, Rossouw Norval earned Frst Team All-SoCon honors, while Eladio Fabregas and Victor Chaw were both named to the All-SoCon Second Team. Victor Chaw and Jim Hendrikx earned First Team All-SoCon honors in doubles, and Hendrikx was named to the SoCon All-Freshman Team. Chaw and Hendrikx also made an appearance at the NCAA Tournament in May and represented Samford on the national stage.

The women's team had a winning record in conference play — an impressive conference season. In addition to a winning conference season, the team earned several singles and doubles awards. Rouxanne Janse Van Rensburg was named to the All-SoCon First Team in both singles and doubles with her partner Alexis Lopez. Natalia De Ugarte and her partner Cindy Oest were named to the All-SoCon Second Team in doubles. Alexis Lopez was named a member of the SoCon All-Freshman Team in singles. Seven of eleven players came in as freshmen this season and saw lots of success on the court. The team is looking to next season to build off its young talent.

Both teams hosted the 2021 Southern Conference Tournament at the Hoover Metropolitan Complex in Hoover, Alabama, with both teams making it to the semifinals. The women's team fell to No. 31 Furman in the tournament, while the men's team also played tough matches against Furman, coming up short. The Bulldogs are ready for another great season in 2022.

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Golf

Article by: Cassie Beth Powell
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The 2020-2021 season for Samford's men and women's golf teams came with numerous challenges, but both teams saw this as an opportunity to grow both individually and as a team.

The threat of COVID-19 significantly impacted Samford athletics. Each of the team members had to get used to new restrictions on and off the course as well as new testing procedures. The women's team specifically had to be even more cautious. The team itself was rather small, so if one individual tested positive it would pretty much wipe out the entire team for two weeks. Thankfully, they only had to miss one of their tournaments in their season. Despite these new changes that COVID-19 presented, both teams were able to adapt and compete at their best in every tournament.

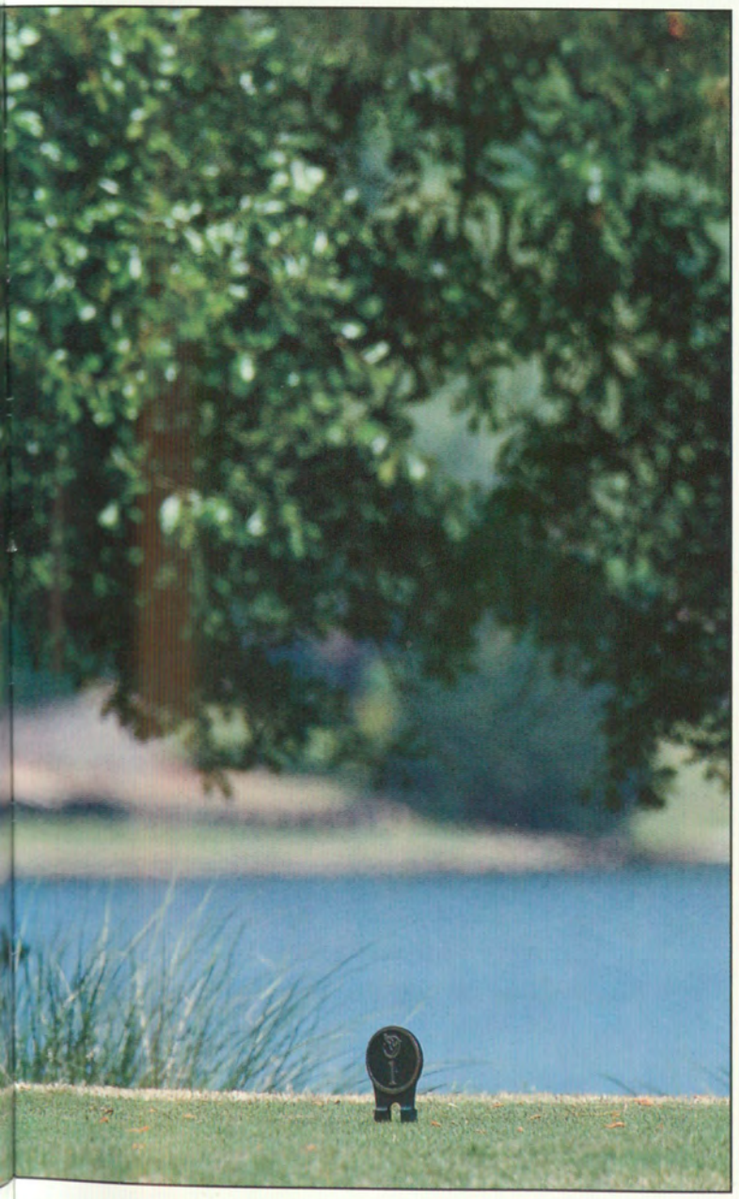
Unlike previous seasons, both Samford golf teams chose to only compete during the spring semester. Mathew Madden, a Samford freshman on the men's golf team explained, "[One] of our biggest challenges was waiting out the fall… it was an entire semester of workouts, meetings, and practices with no competition to look forward to." While Madden and the rest of the team enjoyed this time to really get to know each other, they were definitely itching to play when the spring semester rolled around.

The men's golf team was able to participate in eight tournaments this semester. As a team they started out strong, placing fourth at the Louisiana Tour Intercollegiate tournament and sixth at the Gulf Coast Collegiate tournament the very next weekend. Individually, four freshmen finished the season inside the top 20. Madden reflected on this season saying, "It is so good to see the success from younger players who will continue to do better." Despite the ups and downs of a shortened season, the men's golf team got the job done.

The women's golf team was presented with two challenges this year: the threat of COVID-19 and having to adapt to new teammates as well as a new coach. Kelly Topiwala, a Samford freshman on the women's golf team explains how, "…this year has for sure been a year of growth with two new freshmen and a new coach." The fall semester allowed the team time to adjust, letting them get to know each other as well as their new coach before competing."

So, once the spring semester rolled around, the team was ready. They started out their season at the Kiawah Island Classic where they finished 22 out of 41 teams. The team went on to play in three more tournaments where they placed in the top 10 in every team tournament! They then finished out the season at the SoCon Championship where they placed fifth.

Overall, both teams faced every practice, workout, and tournament with great determination. They chose to look at the fall semester as a season where they could prepare and bond as a team. After patiently waiting, they were able to compete in almost every tournament this spring semester.



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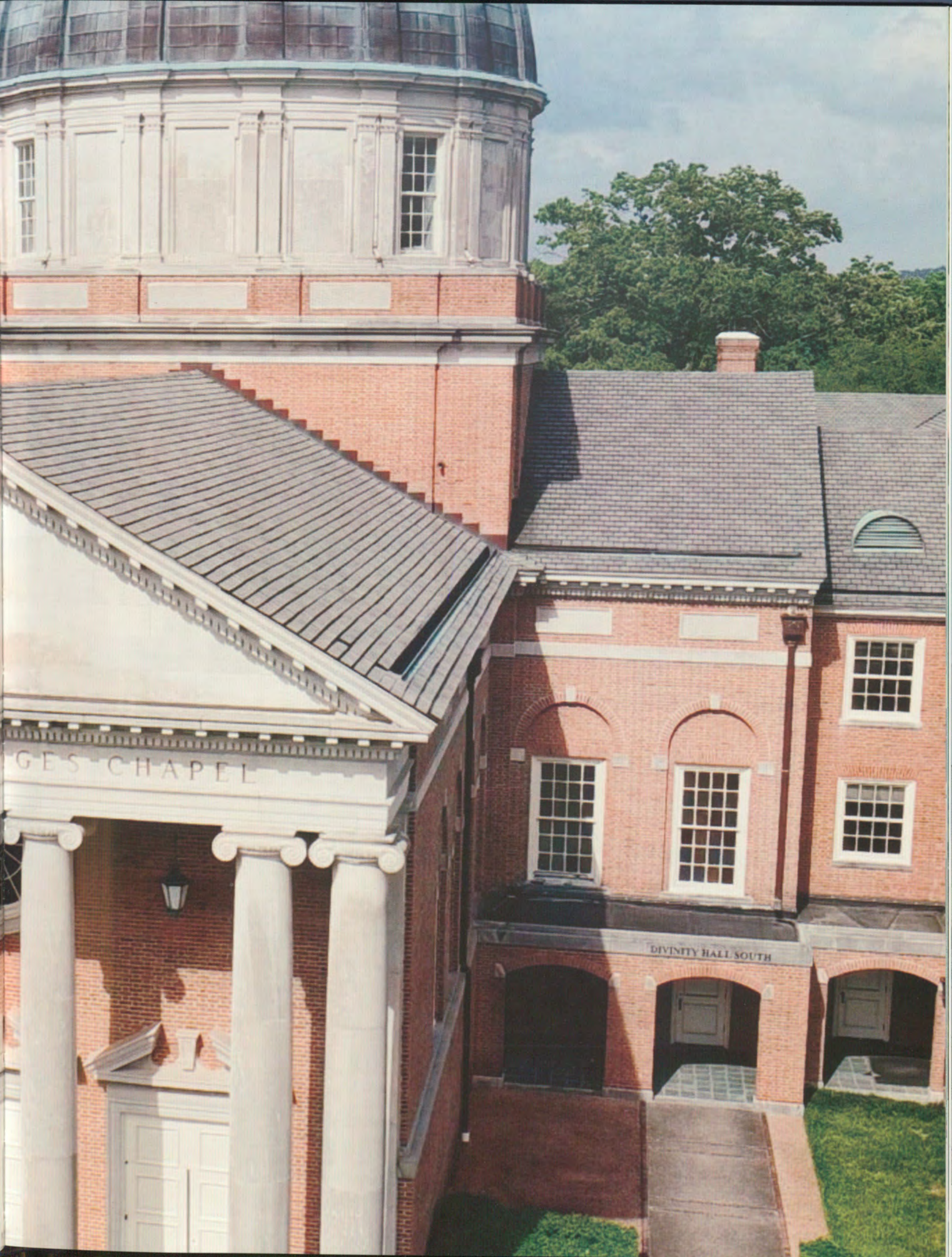
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Campus Outreach

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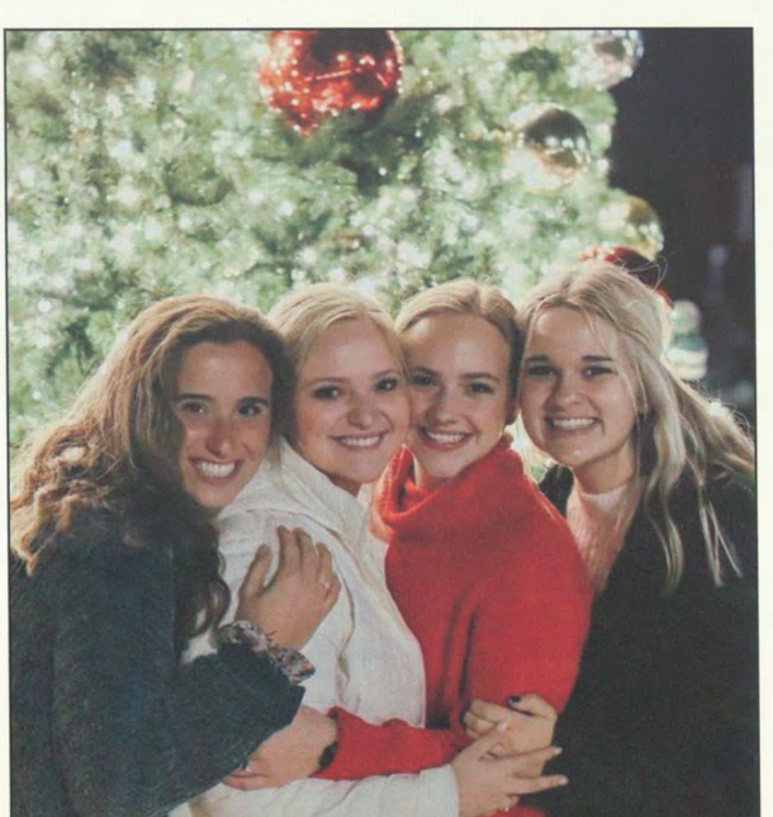
According to its website, Campus Outreach was founded in 1978 at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. What initially began as one full-time staff position at Samford eventually grew to expand to new campuses in different cities in the Alabama region. Today there are 28 Campus Outreach franchises and over 100 campuses being worldwide. At Samford, students take part in a variety of activities, including a Fall Break beach retreat and a New Years Conference. Each year, students also have the opportunity to take part in an 8-week Summer Beach Project in Panama City Beach where they study the Bible in small groups sessions, work a full-time job and take part in a variety seminar workshops. Students also enjoy involvement at the area's local churches, discipleship groups, and project-wide socials.



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RANSOM serves as a ministry for not only athletes, but all students to gather together in worship and fellowship with one another. This year, the pandemic caused the ministry to shift to navigating worship virtually.

"After attracting the coronavirus and going through this COVID-19 pandemic, it was one of the most stressful times in my life. I would even say at a certain point I was hopeless and depressed," member Nelson Jordan said. "But through zoom calls, conference calls, and FaceTime calls, mainly led by Jeremy Towns, who is the Ransom President and a Samford Alumni, I was able to receive so much joy and hope in such a hopeless time from my Ransom family."

RANSOM member Mar 'Kayla Bell agreed.

She expressed how the weekly prayer calls the ministry hosted kept her encouraged.

"During the COVID 19 pandemic, RANSOM made intentional decisions to foster community," Bell said. "My school days quickly became more stressful with a seemingly unending stream of online meetings, quizzes, and assignments. I began to depend upon weekly RANSOM calls and check-ins with college students from all across the southeast and beyond as a comforting reminder that I was not alone in my struggles."

Ultimately, members credited RANSOM for facilitating their spiritual growth during such uncertain times.

"Despite the things going on in the world, RANSOM has not lost focus on the most important things: Christ, reaching the lost, and being the light of the world and the salt of the earth," member Shanya Blocker said. "Amidst the pandemic and everything else going on in the world, RANSOM has been a place to escape, to receive and give encouragement, and to grow and develop into the best version of myself as a person, student, and most importantly, an ambassador of Christ. "

RUF

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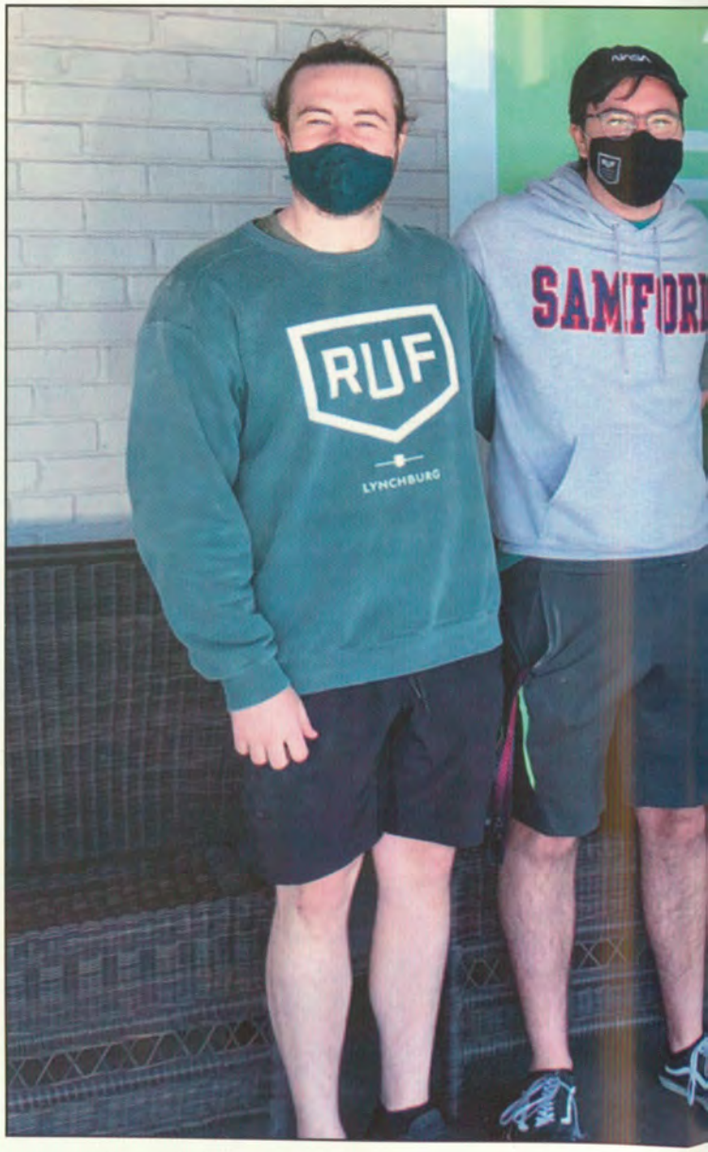

Reformed University Fellowship is a campus ministry that reaches college students from all backgrounds with the hope of Jesus Christ. Samford's RUF was able to host a few events this academic year but has faced challenges.

"RUF has been challenging during this season; our main method of reaching out to other students was unfortunately canceled for this year," RUF member Adam Cason said.

Cason spoke on how COVID made it difficult for fellowship to happen.

"Nevertheless, God has been present," expressed Cason.

The organization was still able to serve local ministries in the Birmingham community and on campus. They also hosted small groups to continue promoting spiritual growth and encouraging challenging conversations while serving as a support group for each other.

Member Audrey McDonald attested to ways RUF was able to transform their form of fellowships to virtual.

"When the pandemic hit, and everything shut down," McDonald said. "Walt Davis and the new interns really rose to the challenge and made sure we were fed during such a hard season, reaching out to us through daily prayer meetings over zoom and brainstorming with the Ministry Team, dreaming big for when we'd come back to campus. My new RUF friends and I wrote letters back and forth to each other over last spring and summer, which eventually turned into a whole area of student ministry this year where we write letters to the freshman class to lift them up in their uncertainties. Even in the Fall 2020 semester with difficult limitations, RUF has continued to thrive under uncertainty, coming up with new, creative ways to reach out to students."

Cason spoke highly about RUF and how it has changed his life.

"In my own life this school year, I have been transformed by my time in RUF; what I have learned as part of this group this year has also shaped me into the person I believe God has called me to be. In a way, I think this year has been one of RUFs most peaceful years; at times there has been chaos due to everything that's happened, but ultimately, I think God has shown His grace to us in extraordinary ways. The fact of being able to meet is even a blessing! I think too that this year has strengthened us in our faith through these challenges we have faced, and that overall, this season has been an amazing blessing in disguise."

McDonald agreed.

"RUF Bible studies have been the most fruitful ways to deepen our relationship with Christ while gathering with others. Even knowing new faces on campus through our involvement with RUF has been rejuvenating in the day-to-day life of balancing school and faith and the virus. There has been so much joy in the little areas of RUF life and in riding out this COVID-19 storm together as a ministry family," McDonald said.

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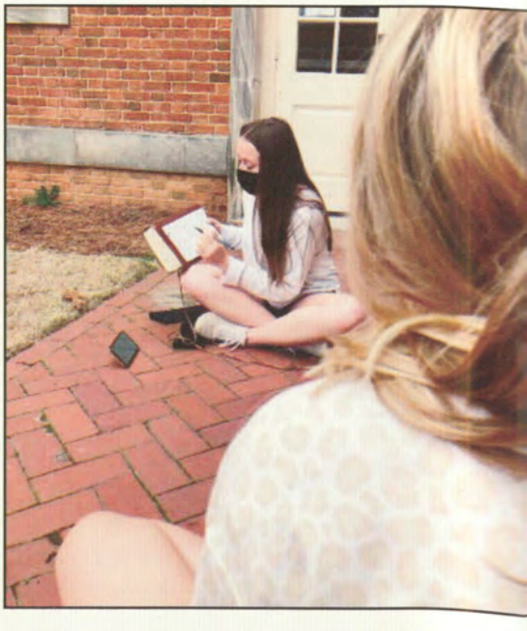

Global Missions

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Photos courtesy of: Global Missions

The Global Missions program is for incoming freshman students who are passionate about pursuing global missions as a career.

"The Global Mission Scholars have been a constant source of light and joy throughout my years at Samford University. It is such a privilege to be part of a group of students who have a genuine passion to serve the Lord and spread the gospel among all of the nations," senior Biology major, Anna Tankersley said.

Tankersley went on to explain how the program works.

"In this program we make it a priority to listen to the stories of missionaries and fellow students so that we can learn and grow in Christ together. GMS had helped me to grow in my faith so much more than I could have ever expected," Tankersley shared.

Cole Powers, a sophomore international relations with a double minor in French and general business, agreed.

"It's been a fantastic way to stay involved with an amazing community while growing in my faith and strengthening my understanding of God's purpose for my life," Powers expressed.

Maddie Warren, a junior nursing major spoke about what it was like navigating their meetings during a pandemic.

"While the world around us has changed more times than I can count in the last year, the Global Missions Scholars has surprisingly been a comforting constant. Of course, we have adapted to social distancing and mask guidelines, but we have not given up the habit of meeting together as Hebrews 10:25 encourages," Warren said.

Warren, Powers, and Tankersley all expressed their gratitude for the program and all that it has done for them.

"As we meet to talk about God's glory and to hear from missionaries who are participating in spreading His glory amongst the nations, I am full of gratitude. Gratitude for the opportunity to be mentored and guided towards the calling God has placed on my life. Gratitude for the friends who have come to learn together and love each other. And most importantly, gratitude to God for using GMS as the constant reminder that He wins in the end. Every time," Warren said.

FCA

Article by: Camille Womack
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Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) serves as ministry for athletes to foster the growth of their faith with individuals alike.

Member and Samford baseball player, Tyler McManus, shared how FCA has served him.

"FCA has been a place that athletes from different sports and backgrounds can come together and openly discuss their faith. Small groups have allowed FCA members to learn God's word, talk about it, and share it with others. Jesus has revealed the importance of Christian community in my life. Understanding accountability and how scripture reaches those around me has allowed me to deepen my relationship with people and with God," McManus said.

The pandemic has caused some obstacles to rise up, but members were still able to feel a sense of community. Zoë Perrin, FCA member and women's soccer team player attested to that.

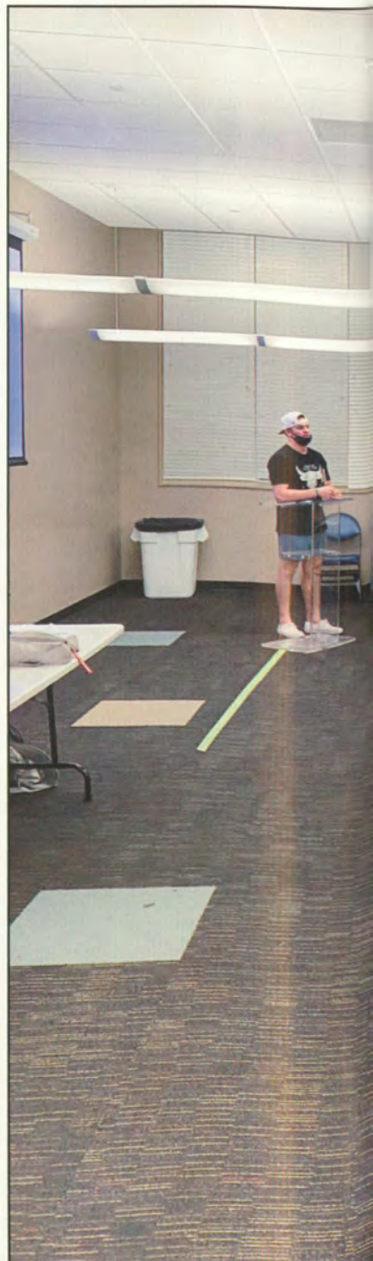
"The community involves connections made through Zoom or distanced meetings and have opened doors to new relationships. These are relationships bring joy to my day through a simple passing on campus or short conversation," Perrin expressed.

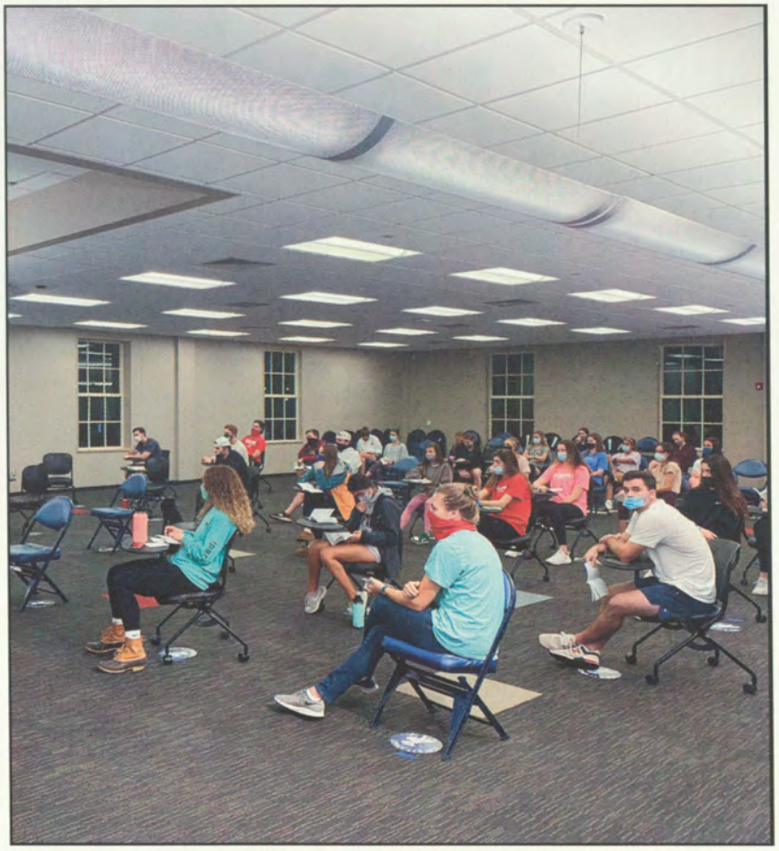
FCA has served as such a monumental part of student-athletes college careers. McKenzie Hogue, cross country/track member shared how FCA has shaped her college journey.

"FCA has been a safe space for me to begin my journey into ministry and serving others. The people of FCA have poured so much into me that my only response is to return that love to others so that they may become a part of our growing family. FCA has been a pivotal part of my Samford experience," Hogue said.

Baseball player Graham Dvorak spoke highly of how the Lord has worked in his life.

"God has personally grown me and poured into me in my spiritual walk. And through the overflow of His grace and mercy in my life, I've been able to effectively love others and pour into their lives and see God work through me," Dvorak expressed.





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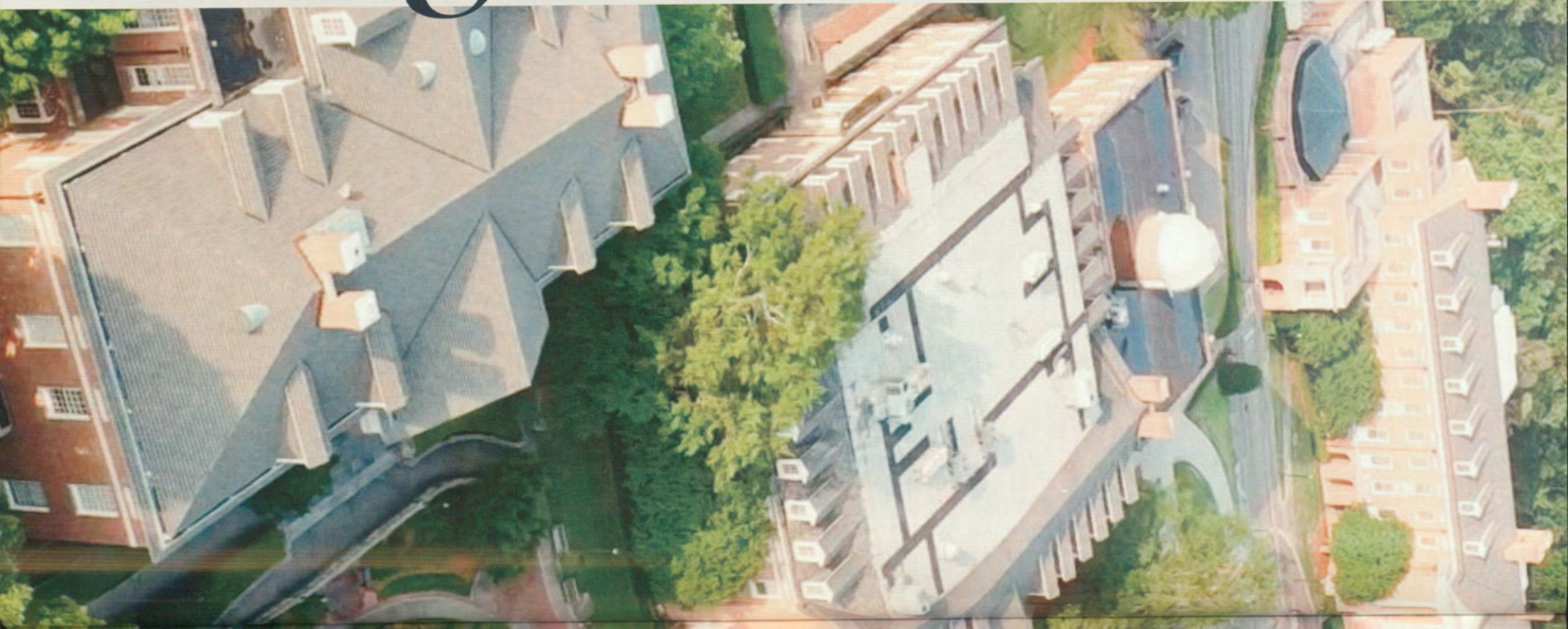

AFROTC

Article by: Camille Womack
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The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is an educational program that allows young men and women to pursue a job in the United States Air Force while pursuing their undergraduate degree. The trainees navigated through their training well and had a successful year of officer training.

Black Student Union

Article by: Camille Womack
Photos courtesy of: Katy Beth Boyers

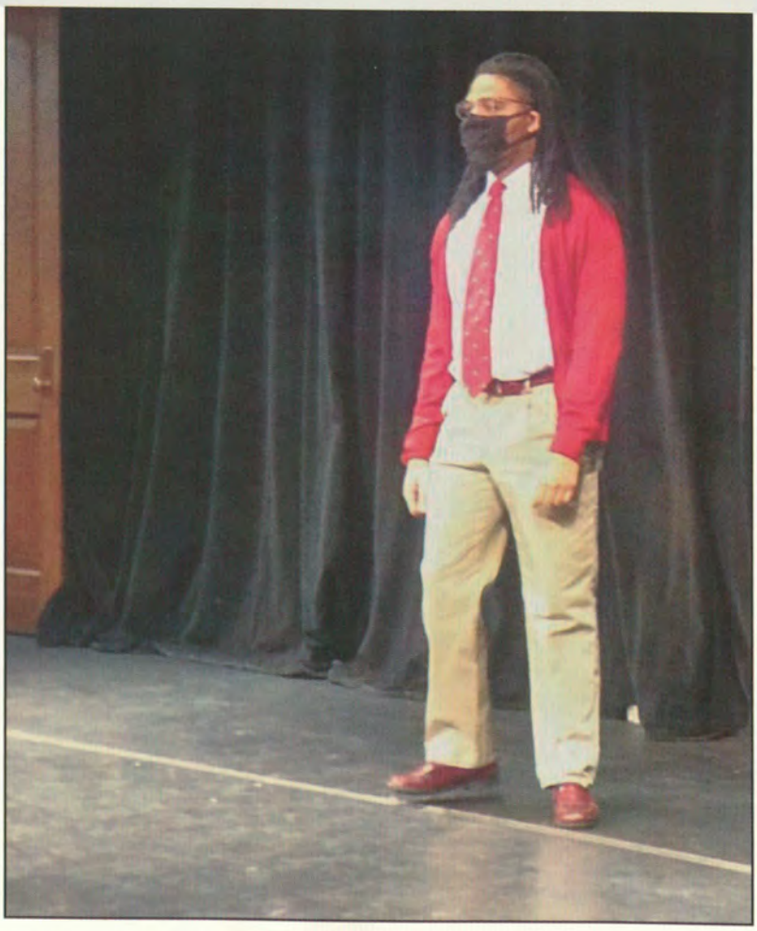
The Black Student Union hosted engaging events during the academic year. The organization hosted events such as Family Feud and Taboo game night, Privilege Walk, multiple movie nights and a fashion show to name a few. Members and attendees of these events found them very enjoyable.

"I am very proud to be this year's Black Student Union president. This has been quite an interesting year for me trying to run BSU in a pandemic. Having the first-ever march on Samford grounds was a huge success and accomplishment. That was by far my favorite event of the year. The march was a long time coming," Black Student Union president, Justin Hayes, said.

He was also proud of the successful events during Black History Month. From Black History Trivia Night, a Privilege Walk and a fashion show, the engagement the union received was appreciated.

Hayes gave special thanks to board members Chotsani Holifield and Jadyn Kilgore for organizing those events. He ultimately credited the rest of the board: Aiya Finch, Darian White Kylar Pettway, Breuna Lewis, & Lauren Parks.

"I wouldn't be successful without their support & help," Hayes said.



Crew Club

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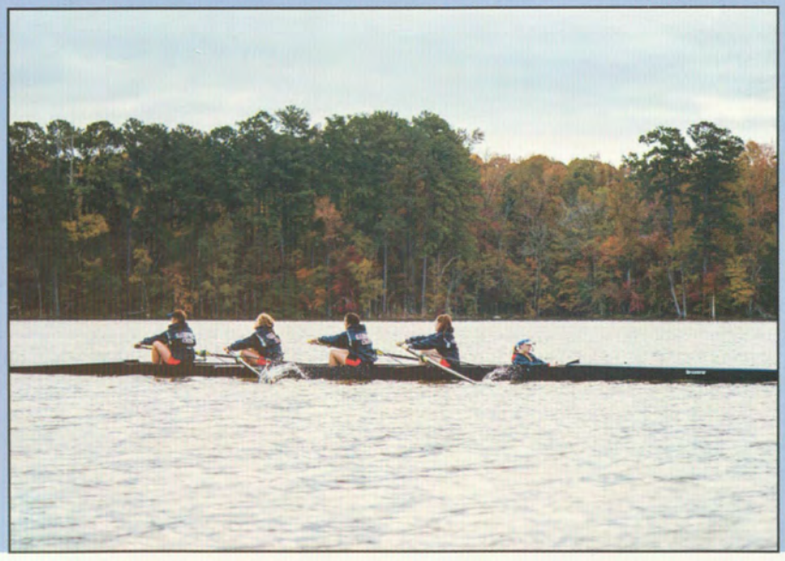

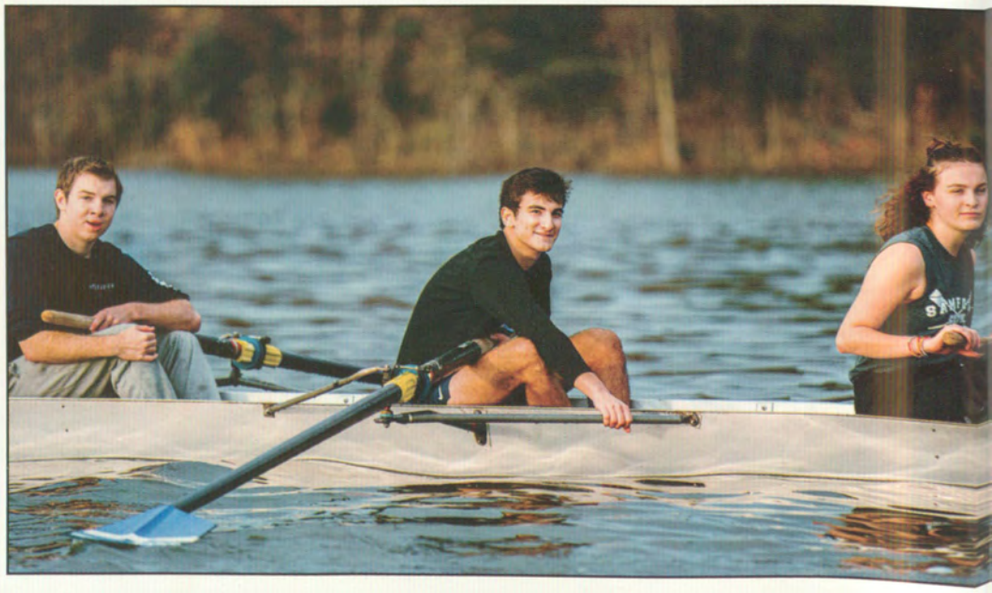

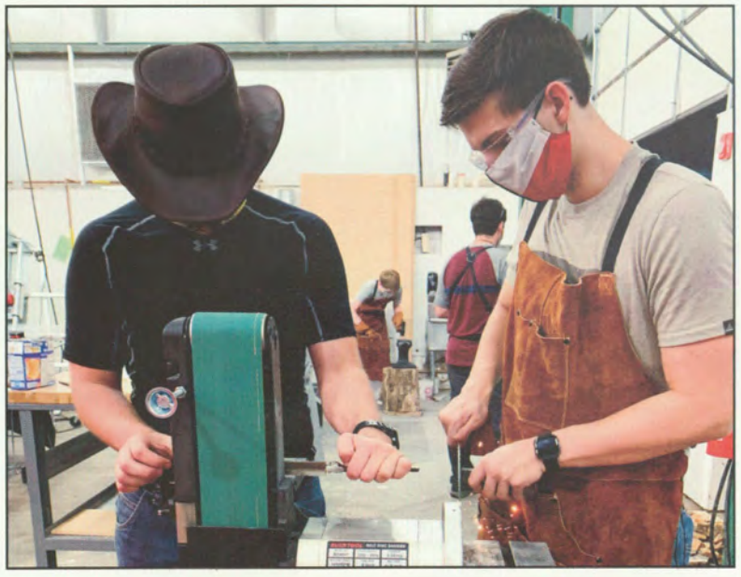

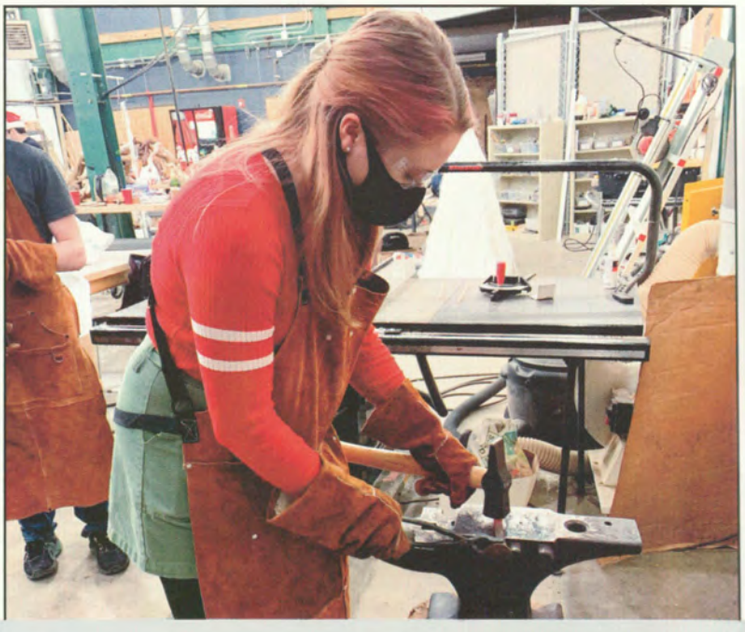

Blacksmiths

Article by: Camille Womack
Photos courtesy of: Blacksmiths

The Blacksmiths of Samford serves a student led organization for those who are interested in welding and their meetings are held in the Art Lofts. They were able to host a Christmas Party in the Art Lofts this academic year and Blacksmithing on The Quad.

Despite not being able to host many collaborative events they were still able to feel sense of community.

Andrew Aho, member of Blacksmiths of Samford expressed his gratefulness of still being able to enjoy club despite the pandemic.

"We've still got a great sense of community. Everyone is invested in what the others are forging, even if we just have to observe from a few feet away," Aho said.

Body Positive

Article by: Camille Womack
Photos courtesy of: Camille Womack

Body Positive is a student-led organization at Samford University dedicated to supporting students by actively developing positive body image & lifestyle choices. Although the pandemic has caused them to host virtual meetings, they still have been successful and been able to have engaging giveaways to continue their mission and have an impact on campus.

Student Government Association

Article by: Rebekah Crozier
Photos courtesy of: SGA

On Wednesday, April 21, the new Student Executive Board, class officers and senators for the 2021-22 school year were sworn into office at the Student Government Association inauguration ceremony.

This was a school year like no other, and Hope Dawson, now the former SGA President, is proud of everything that SGA accomplished despite the many obstacles in the way. One major accomplishment was the Elevate Others Campaign, where SGA raised $12,152 for the Dr. Eric L. Motley Elevate Others Scholarship scholarship that will be distributed starting next year.

Dawson believes that SGA's small victories from this year are just as important as the big ones. For example, the Student Activities Council sponsored two events per month despite COVID-19 restrictions. At times, the events were simpler and on a much smaller scale, but they were still a success.

"This time last year, no one knew what we were getting into for this year at all," Dawson said. "But the executive board has done an incredible job of just remaining steady through every challenge and just trying to do what we can."

Because of the difficulties that this year brought, SEB had to learn to be more flexible and open-minded. If they were unable to do things one way, they had to get creative and find a different solution.

"I am very much a control freak, and I like planning and knowing what's happening, and this year I really had to learn that God is in control. I am not. I am not in control. It's a hard lesson to learn, but it's so freeing once you learn it. The Lord's plan is better than my own," Dawson said.

In her time as president, Dawson intentionally challenged the executive board members to think long-term and consider solutions that would leave a lasting impact and legacy on the school and students.

"Quick fixes only create long-term issues," Dawson said.

To Dawson, one of the best parts of her SGA experience was building relationships that will last long after she leaves Samford. When she was a freshman, older students poured into her, and she was glad to have the opportunity to pour into others.

Dawson is sad to be saying goodbye, but she is excited to see what the Lord has in store for herself and for Samford.

"I'm just very thankful for the opportunity to serve this year," Dawson said. "It's the year that no one expected, but I'm thankful for the opportunities that it brought and the growing experiences that I had. It's just been an honor to serve."

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Debate Team

Article by: Camille Womack
Photos courtesy of: Debate Team

"This year has definitely presented significant challenges for the squad because of COVID," said Alyssa Gregory of Samford's Debate Team. "Technological barriers are most obvious as we've had to deal with internet connection issues and other Zoom problems. Additional difficulties because of the pandemic have been the loss of energy from minimized social interaction."

Despite the team's given circumstances, it has not slowed down the progress and success of the team. Samford's Debate Team ranks 12th in the nation beating out other prestigious universities like Georgetown. Gregory shed light on how the debate season has looked and felt different due to the pandemic.

"A lot of adrenaline and stamina during long tournaments comes from debating in person and experiencing rounds differently," Gregory said. "In many ways, rounds can feel similar to each other as we debate in the same room for the whole year."

In their season opener, Gregory and her varsity team partner, Joey Tarnowski, defeated teams from the likes of UC Berkeley and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Sawyer Emerson and Maddox Gates of the two-person individual teams rank at 9th in the nation going into the American Debate Association nationals.

"Honestly, when it comes to being ranked 9th in the nation with Maddox, I don't think about it too much," Emerson stated. "Samford has great coaching, and our squad works really hard to be prepared for tournaments so it's just about putting all the pieces together to get results."

He expressed how online tournaments have been more challenging due to technical difficulties that used to not be a problem. The team was able to overcome those challenges by working with the best technical equipment and having great team leadership.

Gregory further discussed how the support from the team's coaches and each other shaped their season.

"I feel every debater has overcome these obstacles because of our incredible coaches who have constantly encouraged us," Gregory said. "Supporting one another has also contributed to the squad's success as we've grown closer over the course of the year. I'm very proud of the squad's perseverance and improvement during the debate season as everyone has worked incredibly hard."

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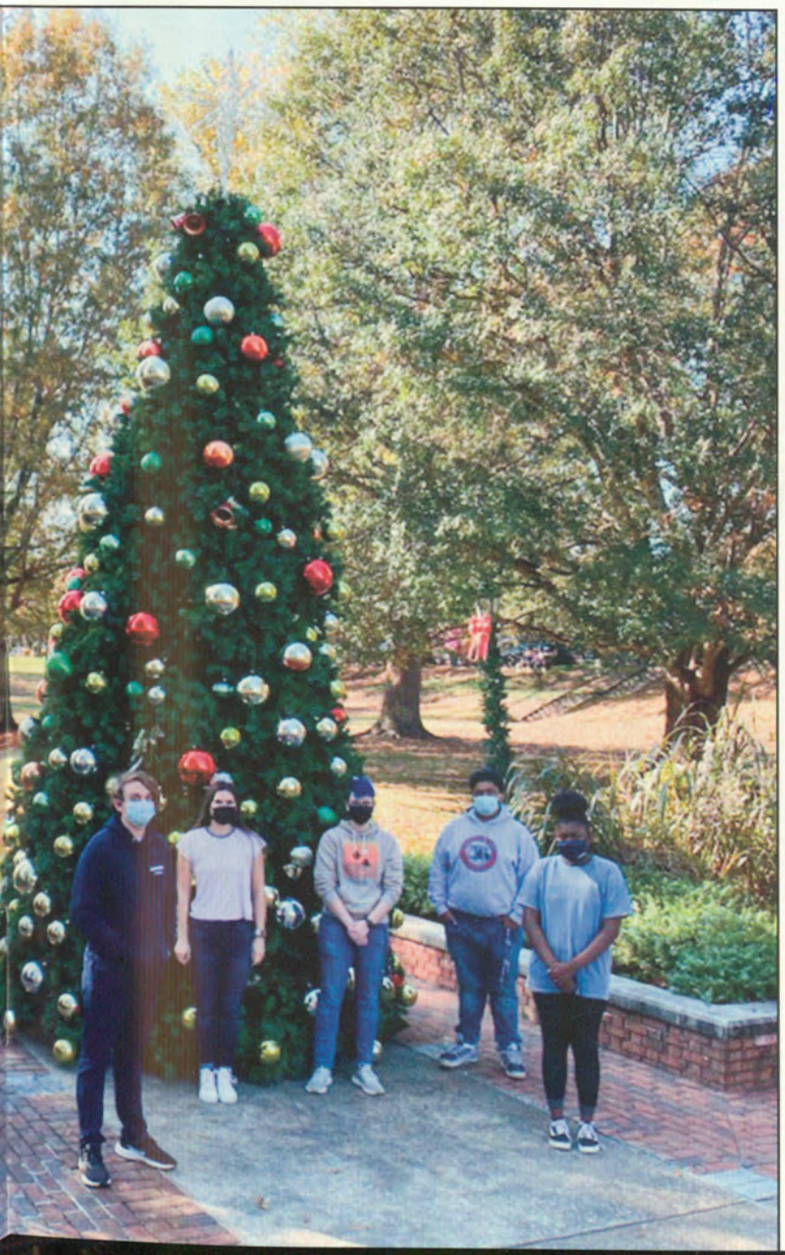

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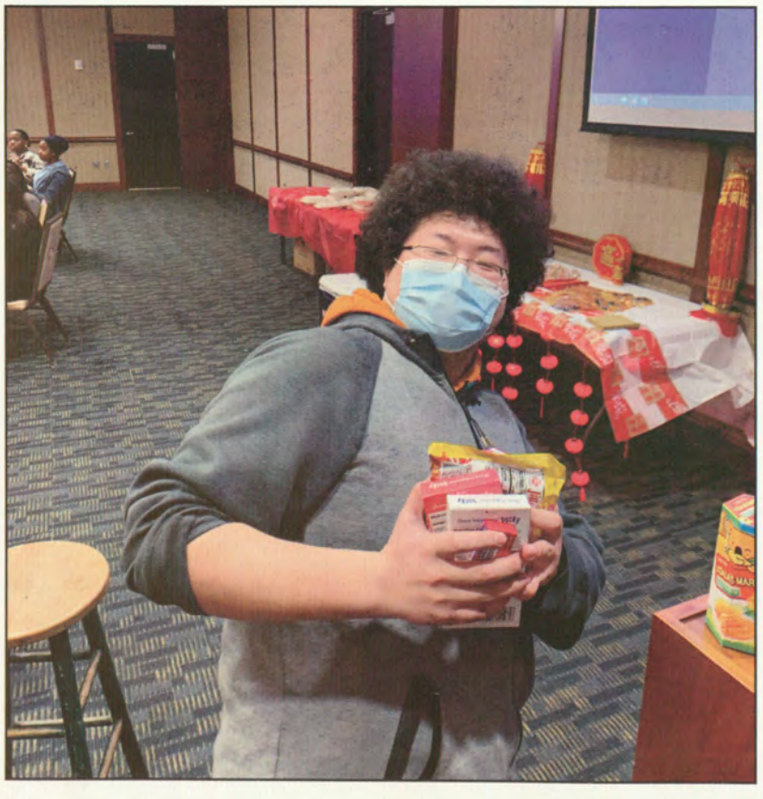


International Club

Article by: Mia Banuelos
Photos courtesy of: I-Club

International Club is a student organization that works to develop a community with international students and domestic students on Samford's campus. This organization has many events such as Global Connections, film screenings and International Lunch Club to cultivate more awareness and understanding of different cultures.

International Club was still able to have many events despite the pandemic. This year, they had Fall Fiesta, I-Club Thanksgiving and Chinese New Year with the Chinese Students and Scholars Association while still adhering to social distancing guidelines.

The organization got creative with outside venues to foster connections. This year, they developed new events like the I-Club Olympics, where members competed in numerous activities and events for the title of I-Club's Olympian.

"We had a lot of fun games, and it was a little competitive. It was a nice way to meet people and hang out with friends," Faiza Ismail, International Club's secretary, said.

Typically, many International Club events have food from different cultures as a way to bring people together. These events assist students in developing friendships and develop a more thorough understanding of global traditions and customs.

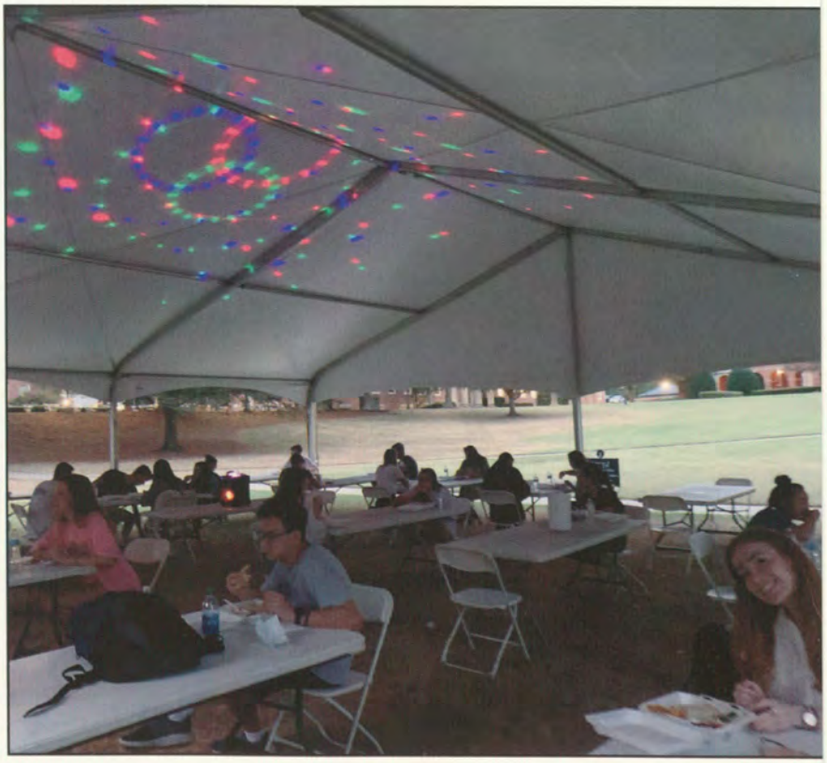
International Club's President, Harper Whaley, focused on her favorite part of the organization.

"My favorite part of International Club is the people," she stated. " I-Club has a way of making everyone feel welcome, and that's why I was drawn to it my freshman year. Our events serve as ways for students to form new friendships, and I wanted to help create that space for people."

International Club serves as a fun and creative way to develop connections with students from around different areas of campus. The pandemic did not stop this organization from fulfilling its mission.

Whaley reflected on this year's events and how the organization was still able to accomplish its goal.

"Even though this year looked different, we still found ways to gather, share meals and make friendships," she stated. "Every event we host seeks to highlight different cultures so that students can learn about them, and we definitely were able to make that happen this year."



Samford Equestrian

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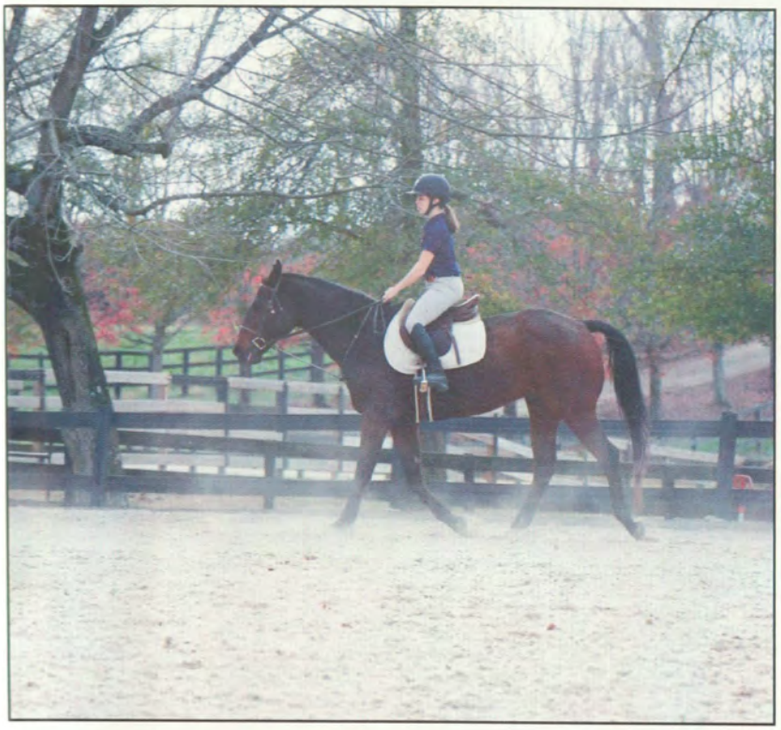
The Samford Equestrian team is comprised of a group of athletic horse riders (beginner to advanced) competing at the collegiate level. The team is open to all full-time undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA of greater than a 2.0., regardless of riding ability.

They compete with IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association), which aims to provide leadership for the development, supervision, and promotion of good sportsmanship in interscholastic competition and other activities in which its member schools choose to engage.

They were unable to compete this year due to IHSA canceling their season but they hope to begin the season in the upcoming academic year.



College Republicans

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Samford's College Republicans were able to host many events during this academic year despite COVID-19.

Alan Crisologo, president of College Republicans, expressed the great successes they had in the fall.

"We had great engagement with the student body especially since it was during the election season," he said.

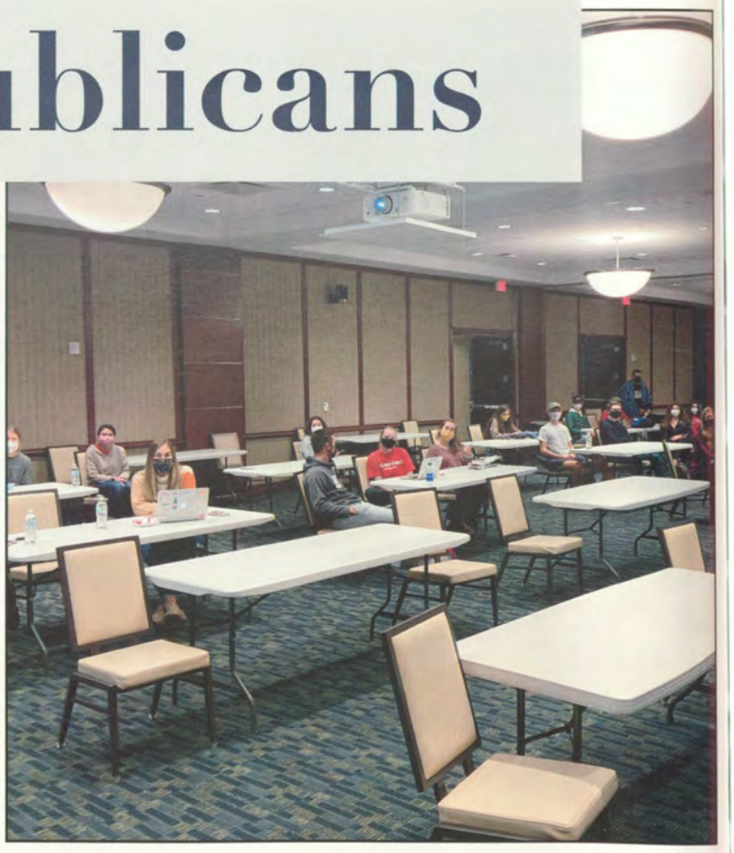
Throughout the fall semester, College Republicans participated at the student organization fair, hosted Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth, Congressman Gary Palmer, and State Senator Dan Roberts over Zoom, held a presidential debate night watch party, an election night watch party, and hosted a debate with the Samford Democrats.

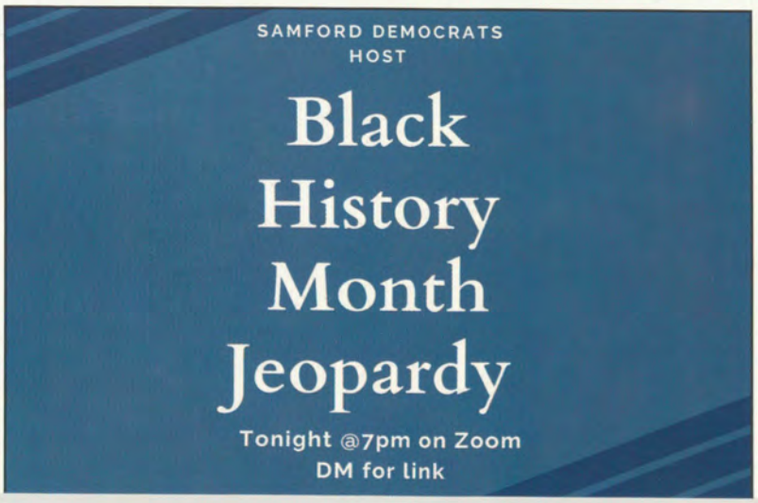
They also planned many events for the spring. The group planned on hosting the Secretary of State John Merrill, Congressmen Robert Aderholt and Gary Palmer, David Wilson, and Congressman Jerry Carl. Then to end the semester, they will be hosting a bowling party at Vestavia Bowl.

Member, Peyton Lankford was "amazed" by the amount of participation they received despite COVID restrictions and guidelines.

"While the speakers were on Zoom, I was amazed at the amount of people who showed up weekly, voicing their support for the Republican Party," said Lankford.

She expressed her gratitude for having such a great semester of events and said she can not wait for the semesters to come.





College Democrats

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Photos courtesy of: College Democrats

Samford College Democrats serve to support the philosophy and purpose of the Democratic Party. Although the pandemic required them to recreate their events, they were successful in achieving their goals.

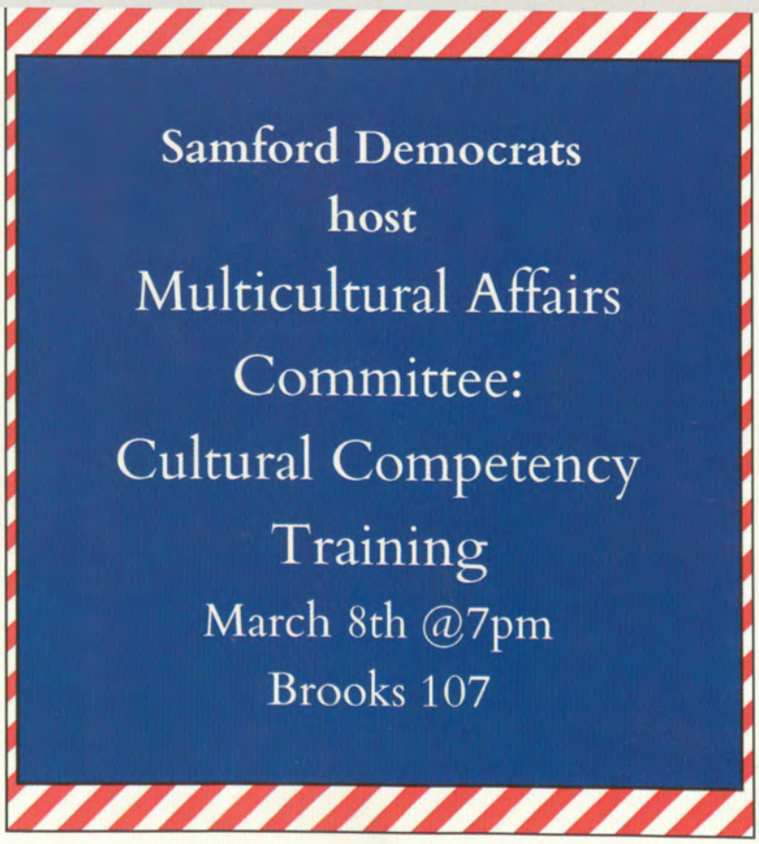
"We have had several events this year so far," Secretary and Treasurer Faith Jones said.

She spoke about how her favorite event was a policy and issues debate between the Samford Democrats and the Samford Republicans. The event served as a time for each organization's political opinions to be heard and serve as a learning experience.

"Each organization had three members that debated three different topics. It was interesting to hear the perspectives of both sides, especially as we were drawing closer to the election," Jones expressed.

Another event they hosted was Black History Month Jeopardy. Their members each had their own team and tested their knowledge of Black history.

"I believe it will be very beneficial to our members and is important for our organization as a whole," Jones said.



Student Activities Council

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Photos courtesy of: SAC

Samford University's Student Activities Council had its creativity challenged by the pandemic. SAC member Mara Casey weighed in on how they were able to navigate events this academic year.

"It has brought its difficulties but also brought reward. It was quite the adjustment, especially in the Fall 2020 semester, given all the restrictions and COVID circumstances. We have really had to be intentional and strategical with our events, planning activities that make students feel safe and comfortable, which is something that we hadn't really had to do before this year," Casey expressed.

Director of Annual Events, Andrew Mintz agreed.

"It takes a lot more planning and much more attention to detail to accomplish this, but it is so worth it," he said. "SAC plays an important role on campus and is certainly one of my favorite ways to be involved and to get others involved so, it would be a shame for that aspect of campus to be lost."

"It certainly has been a challenge navigating this year and finding a balance between getting students involved and following the needed safety protocols. While academics is the focus of school, it is important to provide outlets for students to have a break. I believe we have done a good job with the rules we have been given," Mintz continued.

Casey went on to speak about her time serving on SAC.

"The Student Activities Council has also brought me a new and unique community of people that I wouldn't have found otherwise or normally gravitated towards on my own. I've made great friends and want to continue building relationships with others in SAC," Casey said.

Despite the difficulties, Mintz said it was all worth it.

"I love the community we build within our committees and the opportunity we have to create lifelong memories for every student on campus," Mintz said.

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Samford Ambassadors

Article by: Camille Womack
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"Samford Ambassadors exist to serve Samford. 2020 presented challenges that were disappointing, and we missed many of our favorite events such as Homecoming," former president Anna Claire Noblitt said.

Current president Jacob Hopkins attested to having a servant's heart despite the presence of a pandemic.

"We as ambassadors have a heart for service, and whether that's through a pandemic or not, we have continued to share the sentiment that we want individuals that we interact with to feel loved and cared for," Hopkins said.

Noblitt said Samford Ambassadors still found a way to serve their purpose during the pandemic.

"We met the challenge with creativity, and I am proud of the results. We were able to use Fall 2020 to connect with Ambassadors alumni, hear their Samford stories, and gain wisdom from their experiences," Noblitt said.

Jacob agreed.

"During the pandemic, we've had to adapt and come up with new ideas to connect with others, but through that, we were able to come up with new initiatives and opportunities for our alumni, donors, and other constituents to partake. While it has looked different, our desire to serve with excellence has never wavered," Hopkins said.

He went on to express his ultimate gratitude for being able to serve as the president of Ambassadors for the academic year.

"Although our program sets service at the forefront, I've been able to grow in several ways while serving in this program. Especially, as president, I have the opportunity to lead some of the most involved students on campus, which is such a humbling and life-giving experience," Jacob said.

Spanish Club

Article by: Camille Womack
Photos courtesy of: Spanish Club

Spanish Club serves as a space for students to strengthen their Spanish speaking skills through fellowship with each other, the community and attending cultural events.

Club member Susanna Swicegood reflected on how the pandemic caused her listening skills to improve.

"As far as Spanish Club being different because of COVID, it has made us become better at listening to Spanish because of wearing masks and not being able to read people's lips," she said.

She expressed how thankful she was for being able to make friends and connections through the club this year which has made her freshman year enjoyable.

Greek Life

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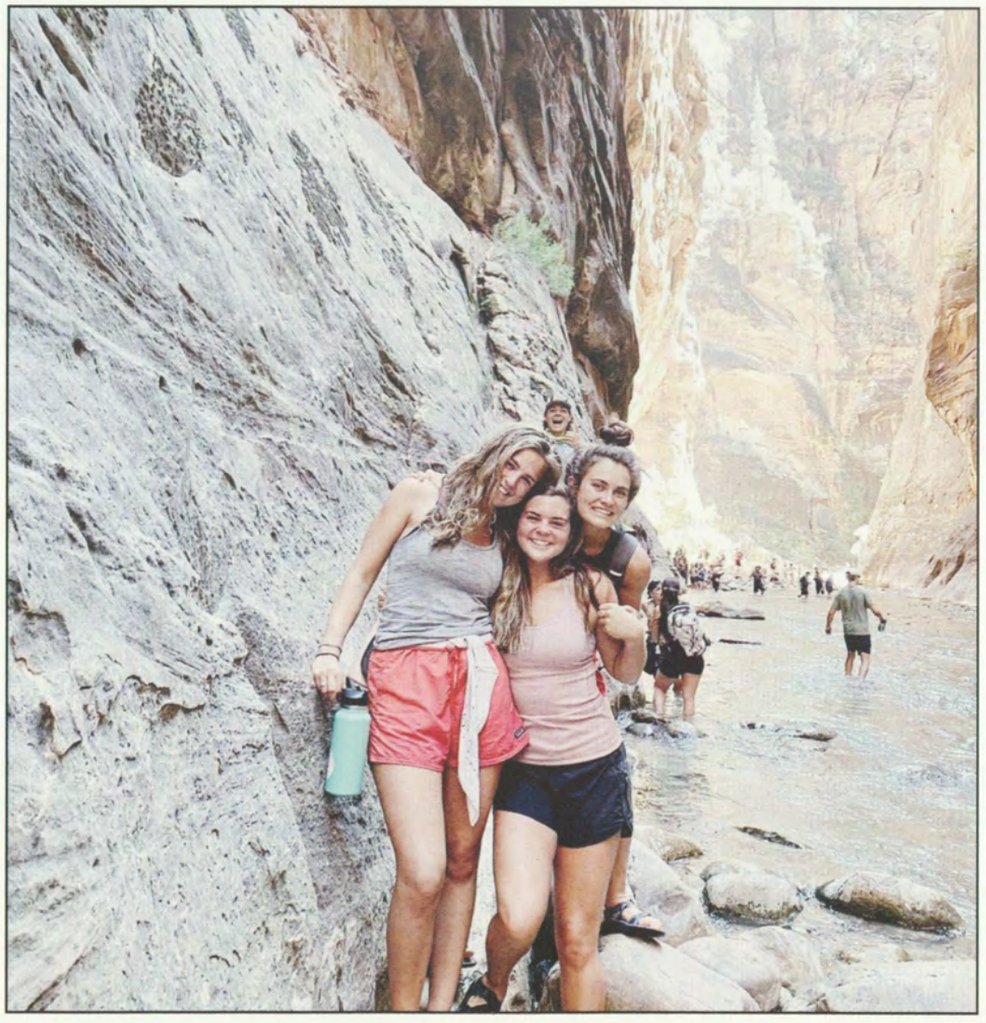

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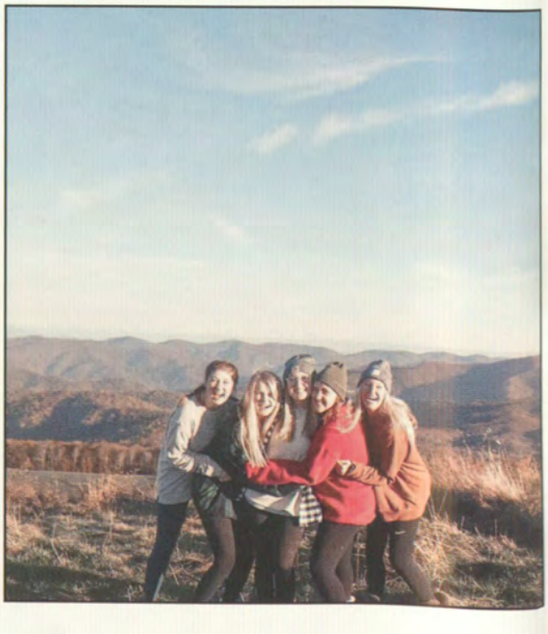

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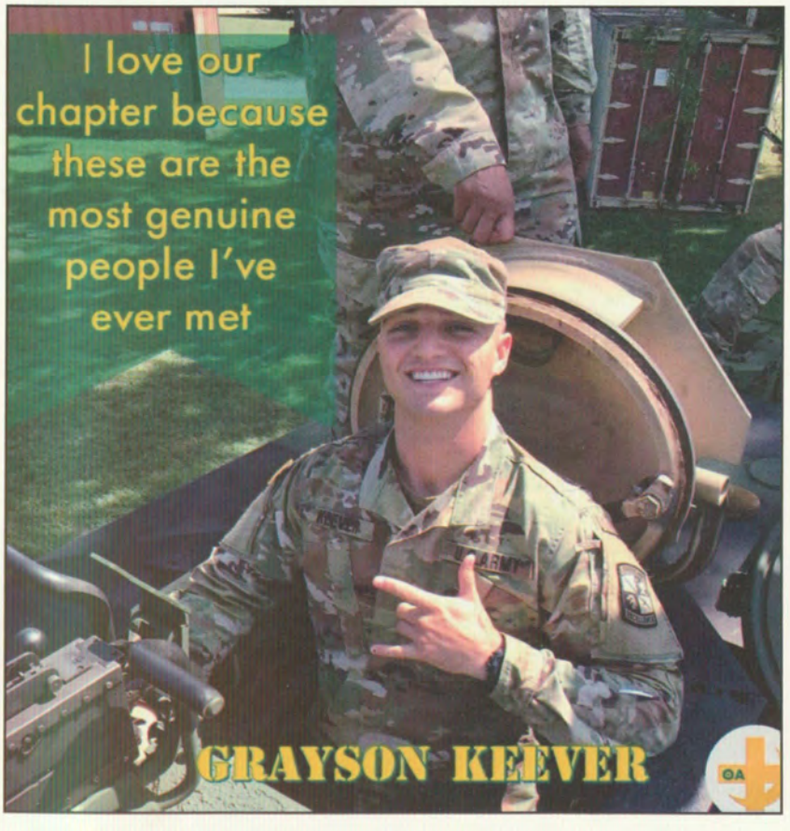
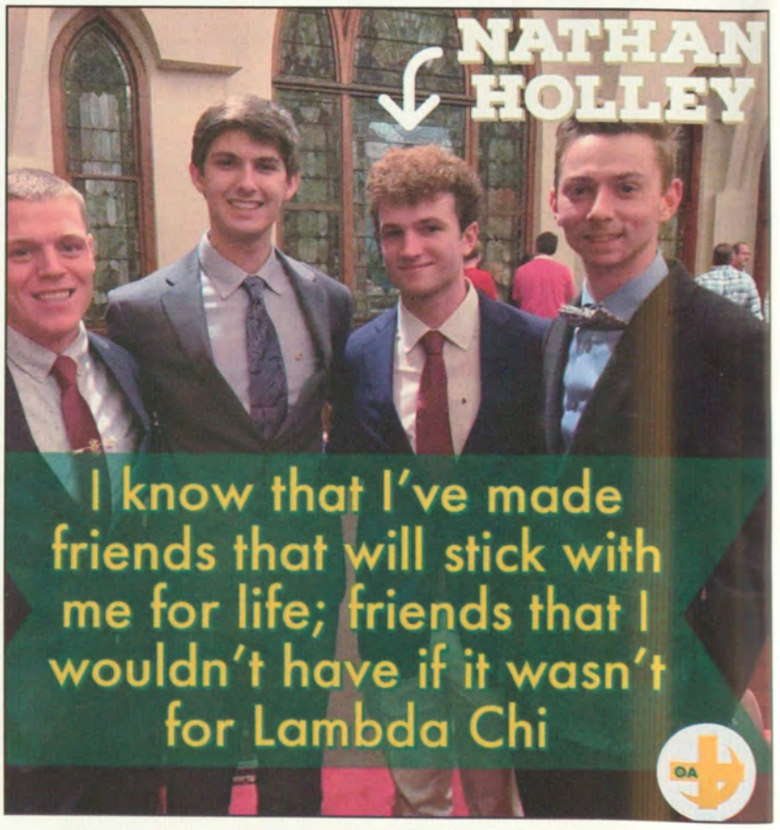

I love our chapter because these are the most genuine people I've ever met
GRAYSON KEEVER


NATHAN HOLLEY
I know that I've made friends that will stick with me for life; friends that I wouldn't have if it wasn't for Lambda Chi

Lambda Chi Alpha

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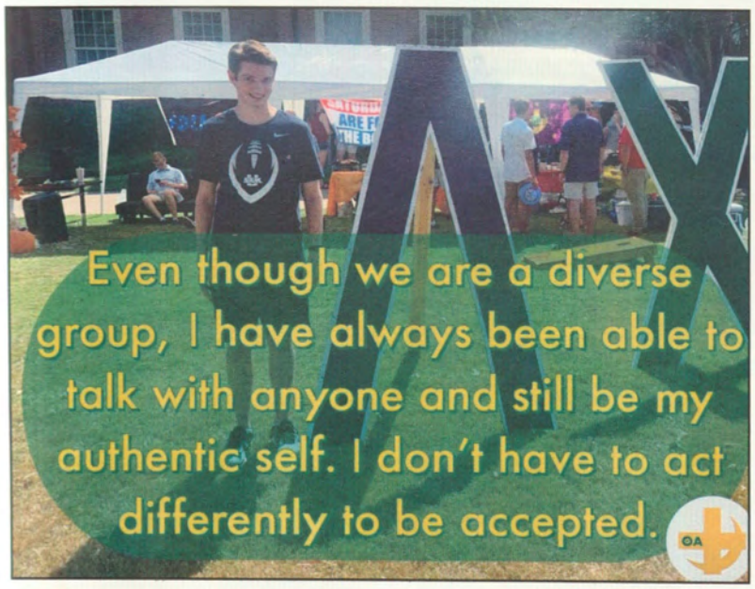
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Even though we are a diverse group, I have always been able to talk with anyone and still be my authentic self. I don't have to act differently to be accepted.

Sigma Chi

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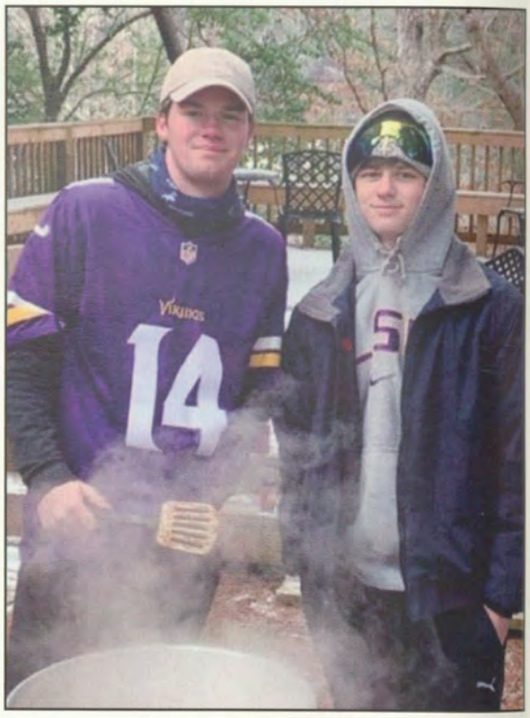

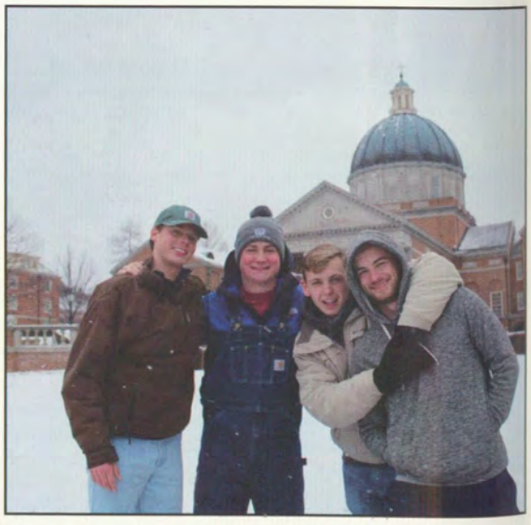

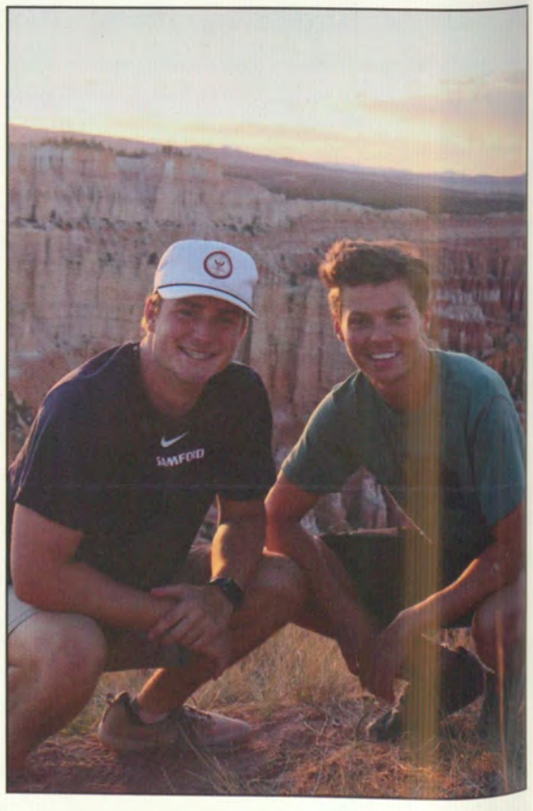

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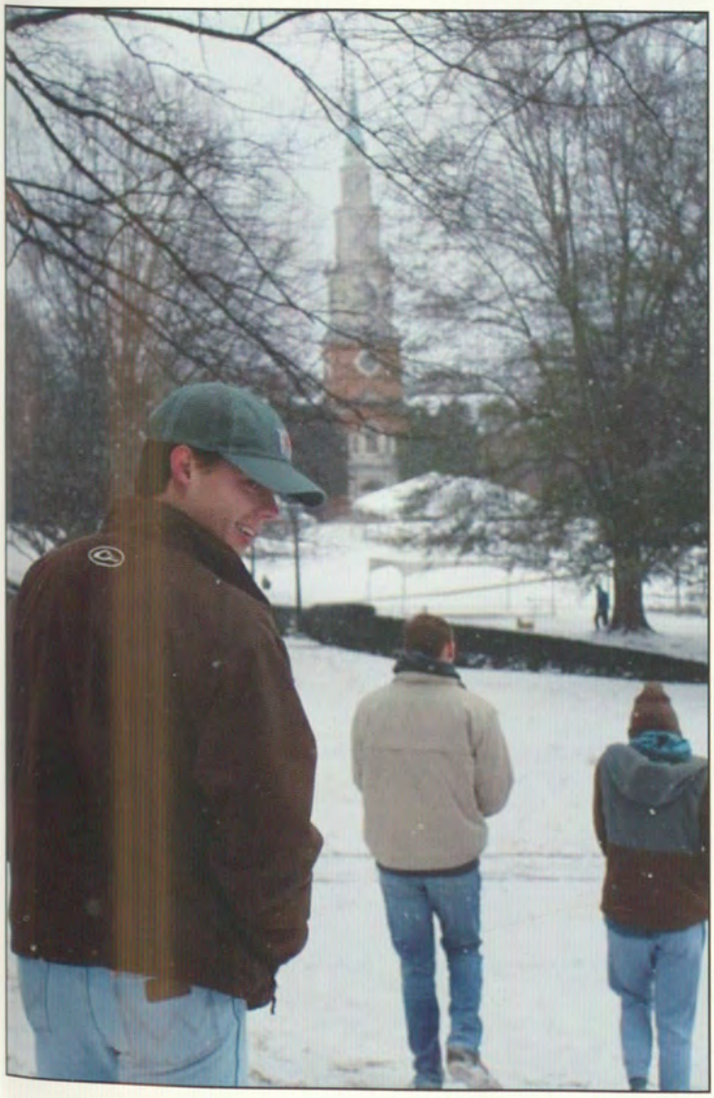

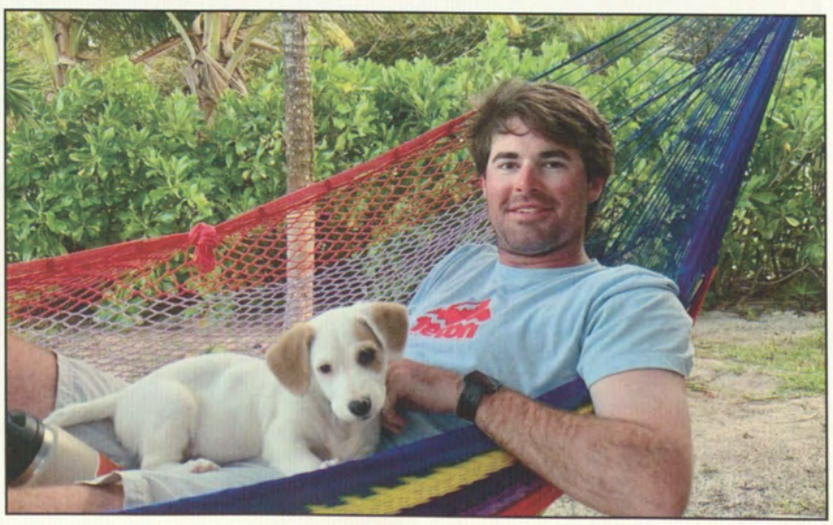

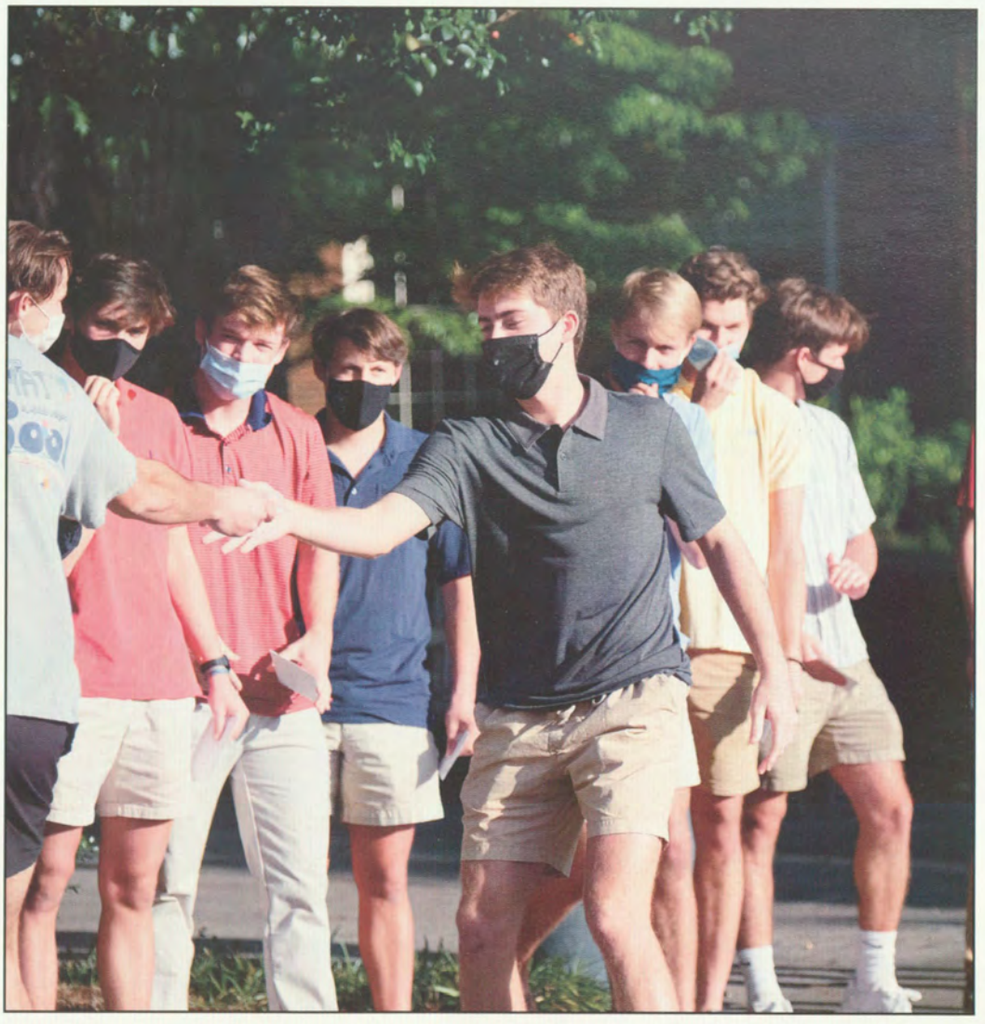

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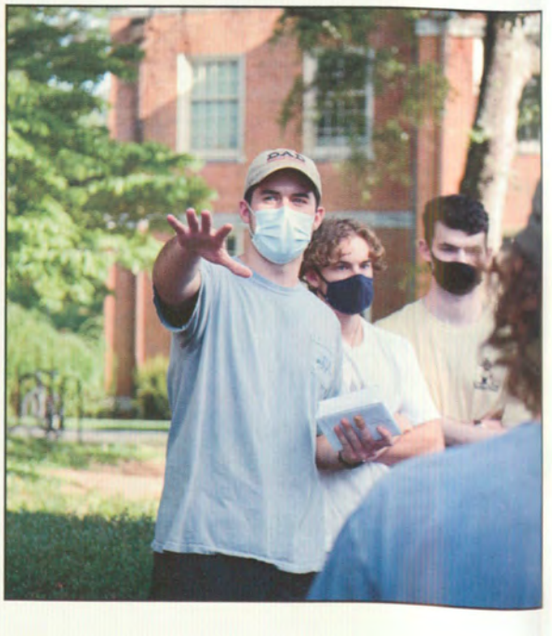

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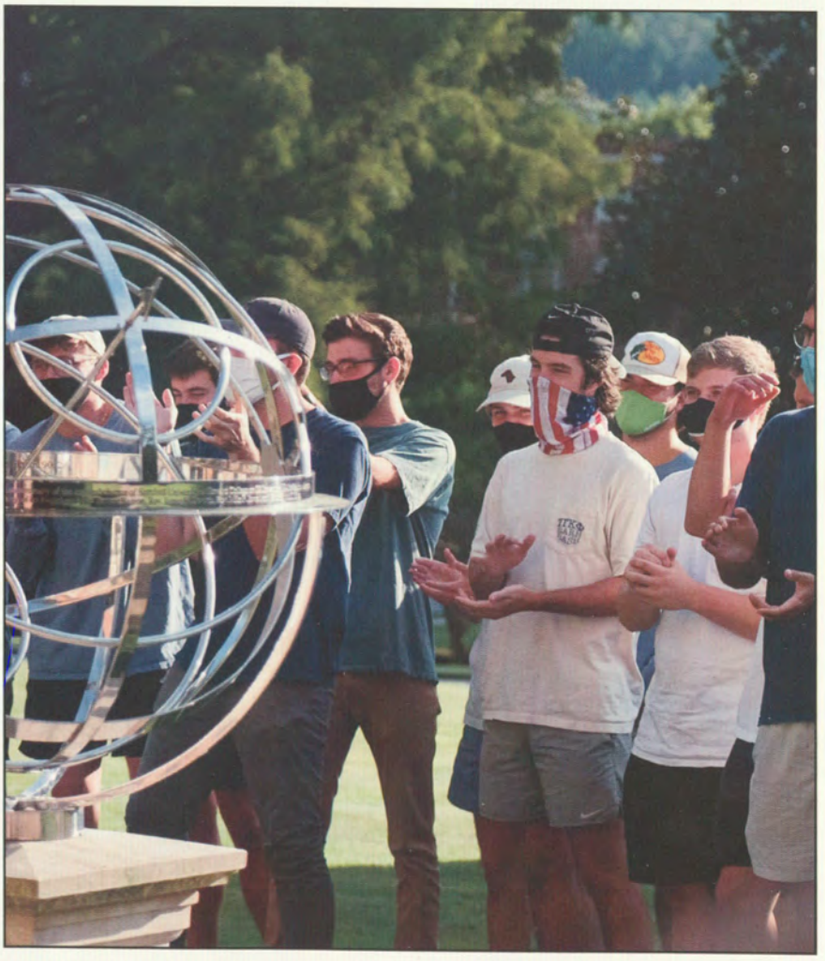

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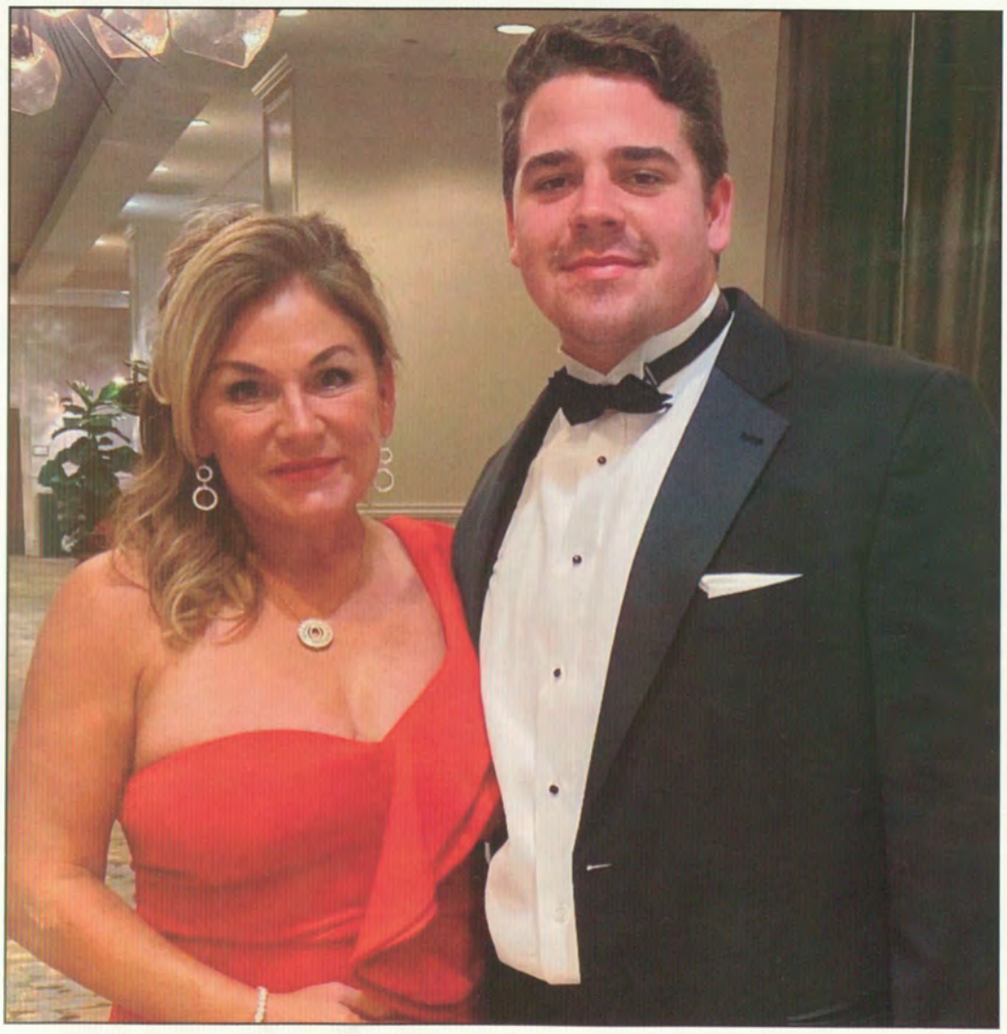

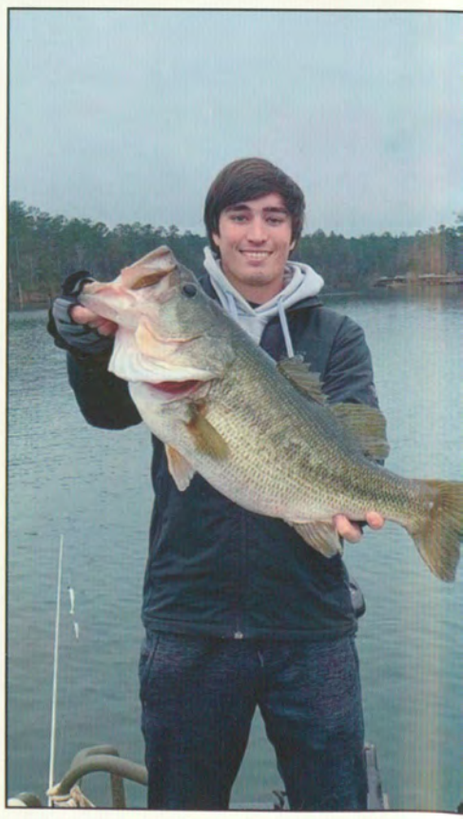

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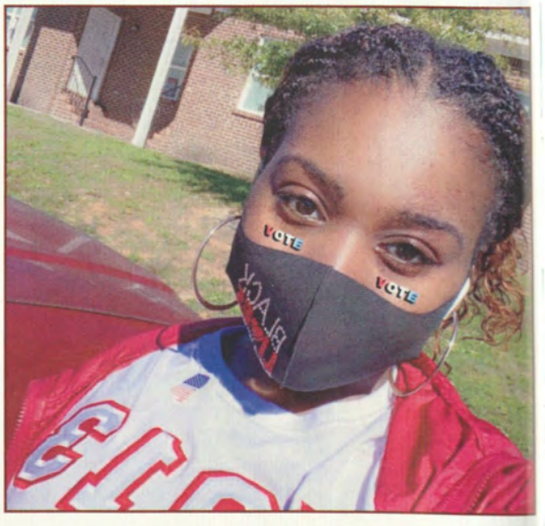

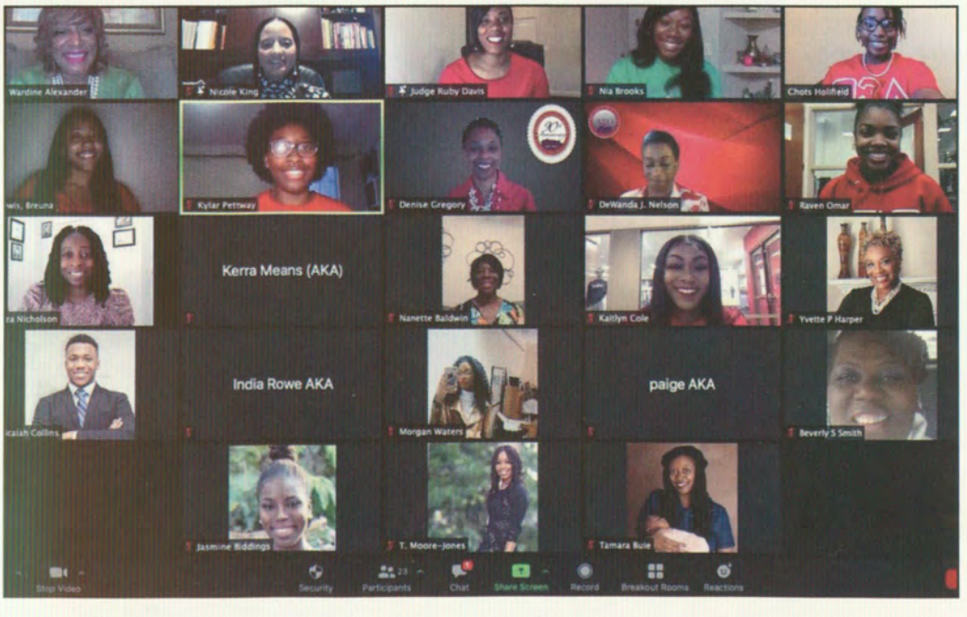

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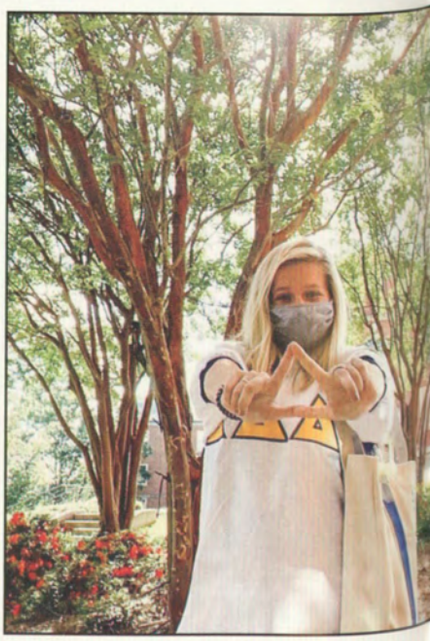

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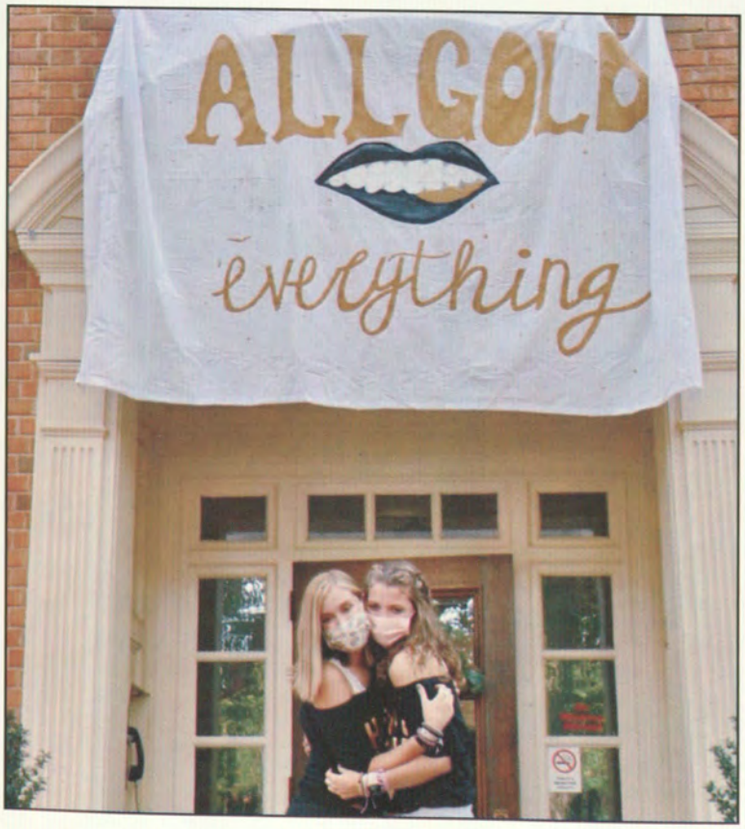
ALL GOLD
everything

Samford Snow Day

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Commencement

Seniors excited for in-person 2020 & 2021 spring graduation

Article by: Corinne McCaw
Photos courtesy of: Samford University Panhellenic

On March 10, Samford University announced that spring 2021 graduation will be held in-person and will be live-streamed. The university has asked that attendees practice social distancing protocols and wear masks during their entire time on campus.

After a year of virtual events and instruction, graduates are looking forward to walking across the stage and receiving their diploma in-person, where a few close guests can celebrate their achievement with them.

"I'm so thankful that Samford is taking the necessary precautions to make it possible for us to have an in-person graduation," senior nursing student Emma Grace Hackman said. "I am glad that science, vaccines and following the social distancing guidelines this semester is making this possible."

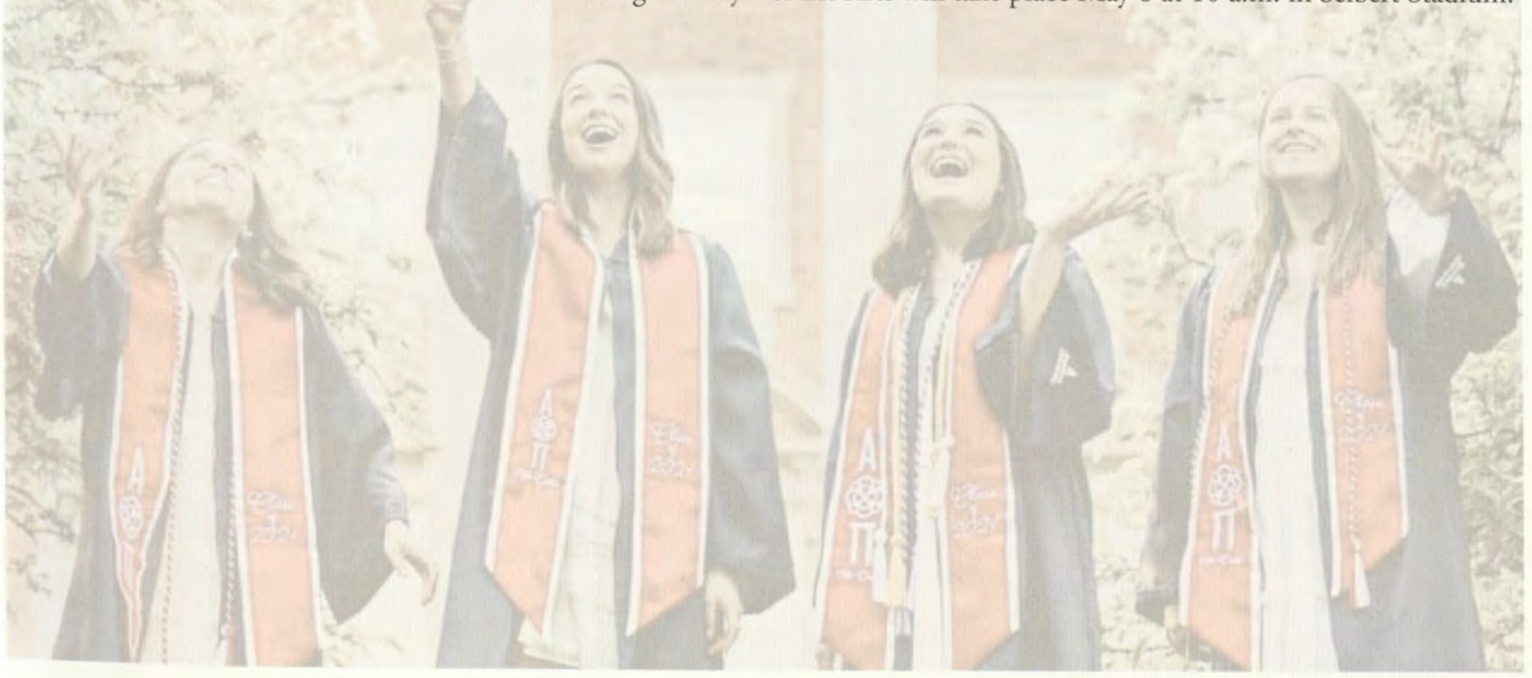
Over the past year, Samford administration has worked hard making adjustments and striving to provide a safe campus environment for students and faculty. Soon-to-be graduates said they are thankful for the effort Samford administration has expended to allow for an in-person graduation.

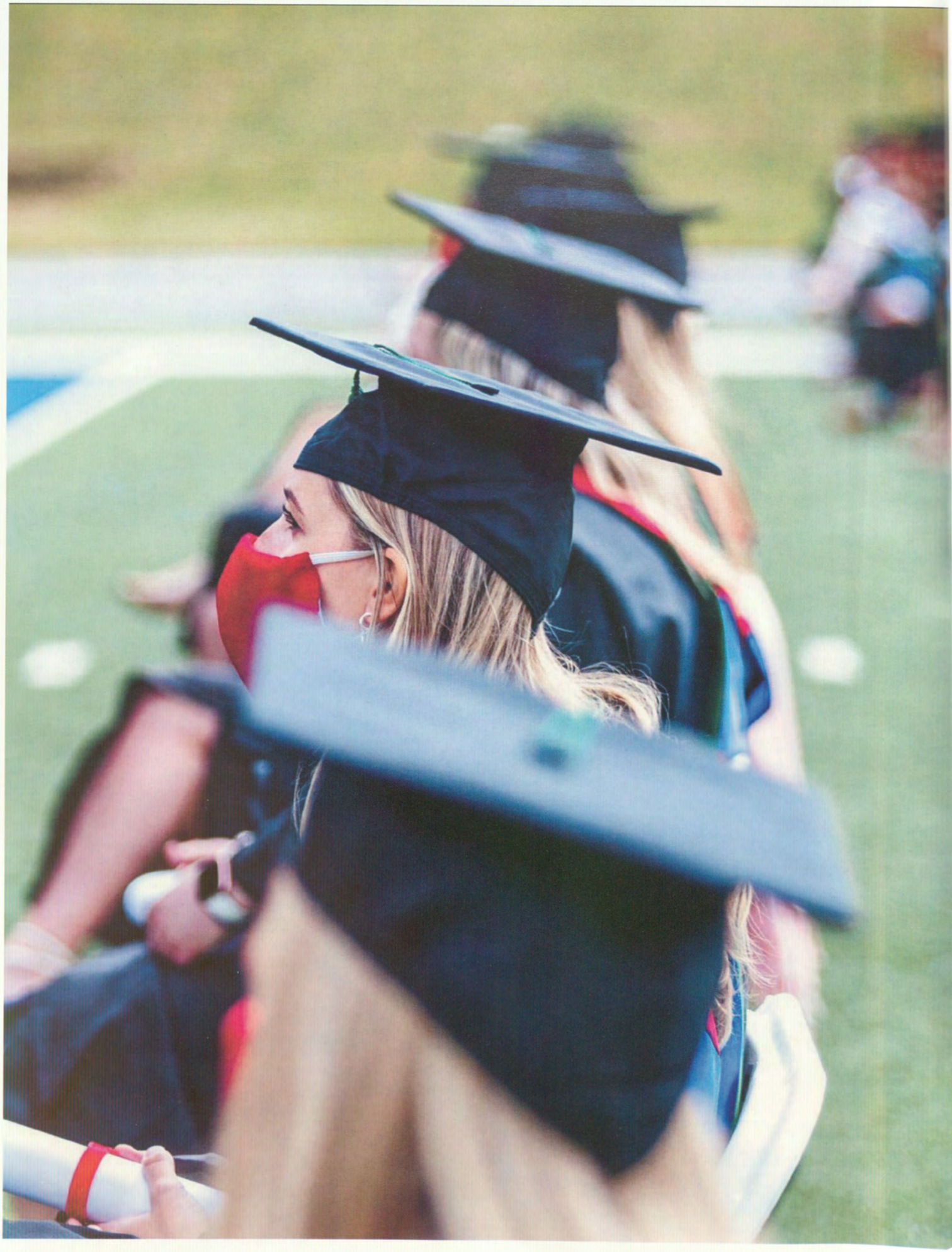
Senior education student Maggie Greene noted her gratitude for Samford's efforts.

"I am thrilled to have the chance to walk alongside my classmates to receive a diploma that we have all worked so hard for amidst the global pandemic," Greene said.

According to Samford University's website, graduate and undergraduate students in the College of Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business School, Education School and School of the Arts have been asked to limit their guests to six people. If a graduate brings more than four guests, only four will be able to sit together. Students graduating from the Cumberland School of Law will be able to request no more than two tickets for guests.

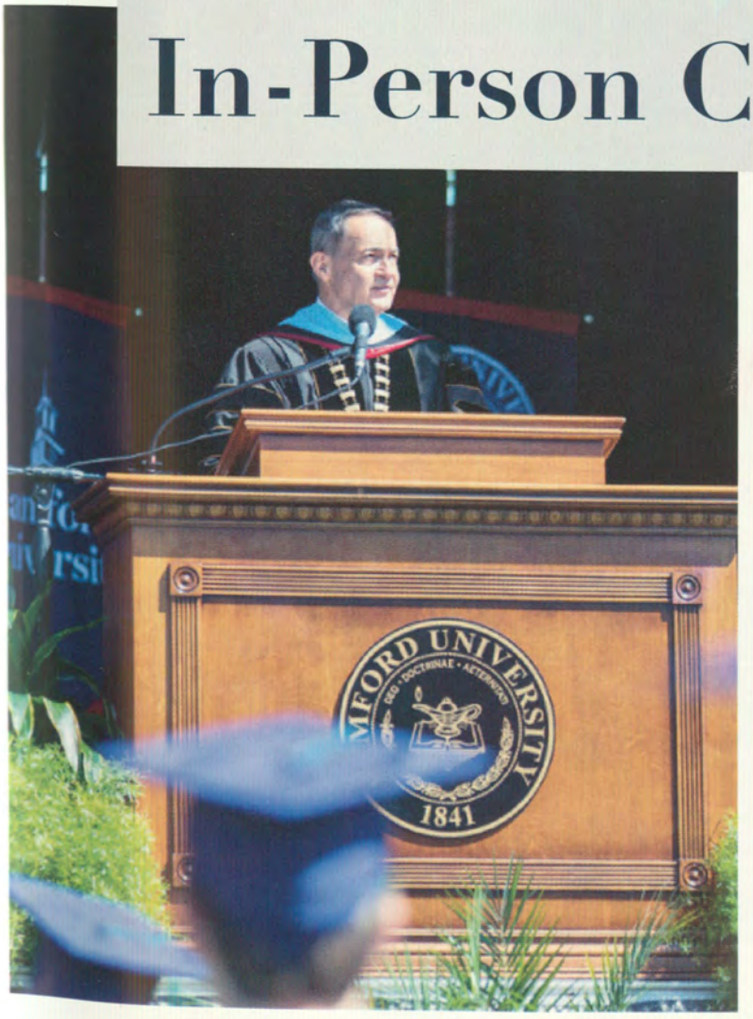
All undergraduate graduation ceremonies will be taking place outside in Seibert Stadium, unless prohibited by severe weather. The College of Health Sciences graduate ceremony will take place April 23 at 10 a.m. and the School of Divinity Graduation will take place May 30 at 11 a.m. in Hodges Chapel. The College of Health Sciences undergraduate ceremony will take place May 7 at 10 a.m. and Cumberland School Law's ceremony will take place place May 7 at 4 p.m. in the Wright Center. Graduate and undergraduate ceremonies for Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Brock School of Business, Orlean Beeson School of Education and the School of the Arts will take place May 8 at 10 a.m. in Seibert Stadium.





In-Person Commencement

2020 & 2021



Article by: Entre Staff
Photos courtesy of: Samford University

On the morning of April 24, 2021, an estimated 275 recent alumni returned to campus to take part in their delayed in-person commencement ceremony. The outdoor ceremony, which was followed by a reception, brought together both spring and winter 2020 graduates who had previously only taken part in a virtual ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic. University President Andrew Westmoreland served as the ceremony's keynote speaker, one of his last before retiring.

The ceremony was the first large in-person event held in over a year and was among four other commencement ceremonies hosted by the university. In total, Samford awarded 1,340 degrees, according to a university news release.

2020 Grad Celebration

Lauren Aiyer
Hannah Albury
Madison Alexander
Keneisha Alford
Anisha Ali
Anders Allen

Annah Alverson
Natalie Armstrong
Leah Ashworth
Anna Bain
Sarah Baldwin
Michelle Ball

Lauren Barnes
Erika Baskerville
Will Bazemore
Arthur Beara
Kara Bellenfant
Kylee Berggren

Chesney Bethea
Daniel Birdsong
Hattie Blackburn
Jake Blalock
Audrey Blount
Courtney Bobo

Rhonda Booth
Jonathan Borden
Joyner Bousquet
Han Bowers
Reagan Bowling
Abigail Brooks

Camille Brown
Charity Brown
Kaileigh Brown
Tammie Brown
Allison Browne
Sara Brumbelow

Donna Brumlow
Lauren Canada
Jazzell Carter
Wesley Carter
Lauren Center
Norman Collins

Shelby Cook
Madison Cooper
Ben Cross
Eugene Dallas Iii
Latausha Daniels
Rebecca Davis

Angela Day
Anna Doscher
Emma Dry
Sarah Duckworth
Merrilea Duke
Caroline Dyer

Aimee Dykes
Nathan East
Laura Edwards
Robert English
Jacob Evans
Rachel Evans

Ashley Fair
Abigail Fink
Catherine Finkley
Anna Fiorucci
Jacob Fischer
Arthur Fisher

Samantha Fitzgerald
Hannah Florence
Jane Foncea
Brannon Forbus
Marissa Freitas
Ladonna Gaines

Charles Gardner
Carami Garrett
Benny Gilliard
Jackson Gilmore
Samantha Glaze
Leslie Golden

Frank Gonzalez
Richard Goodwin
Kayleigh Green
Jacquelyn Groux
Madison Hablas
Kenya Hall

Melanie Hancock
Ryan Hanrahan
Martha Hardin
Emily Harrell
Michelle Hayes
Kelly Herndon

Danielle Hickman
Kelsi Hobbs
Amanda Holder
Kyteria Holmes
Carissa Hope
Holly Horsfall

Charlie Horton
Kelsi Houston
Madison Huff
Hannah Hynds
Bradley Illuminate
Connor Isbell

Ann Jemison
Antwain Johnson
Courtney Johnson
Margaret Johnston
Kerry Joiner
Johanna Jones

Savannah Jones
Morgan Karow
Mary Kearney
Abigail Kessinger
Taylor King
Jaleel Laguins

Kalyn Lake
Margaret Laughmiller
Ashley Layman
Justin Lewis
Will Lovell
Kailee Marasco

Nathaniel Martin
Alyssa Martinez
Hannah Maynor
Lauren Mayton
John McCann
Greta McGhee

Caroline Miller
David Morris
Ellie Morris
Nicholas Munoz
Beth Neal
Nicholas Nixon

Olympia Oliver
Molly Olsofka
Katherine Oneal
Heath Padgett
Emma Paine
Michelle Parr

Caleb Phillips
Elizabeth Pilcher
Annjerald Poe-Devance
Andrew Price
Brooke Pruitt
Kalah Regis

Kendall Rhoads
Ford Richardson
Viva Riley
David Roberts
Kimberly Robinson
Adam Roebuck

Vicent Russo
Margaret Sarris
John Schou
Lauren Shaw
Alan Shivers
Angel Sims

Alexandra Slater
Dedre Slater-Warren
Susannah Smith
Bradley Stapler
Kathy Stepanski
Robert Stewart

Kelcey Stivers
Annesley Streets
Morgan Sullivan
Anna Summers
Zachary Sutton
Whitley Tassin

Courtney Tedder
Emma Terry
Rachel Thompson
Sarah Thorne
Grace Tiesman
Kayli Van Houtin

Ruby Villalobos Adams
Kaitlynn Wade
Theta Warren
Joy Webb
Emma Welch
Lillian Welch

Kristen West
Megan West
Alicia White
Charlotte Williams
Demica Williams
Alexandra Woodside

Alice Worsham
Justin Young

May 7 Celebration

Mason Abbott
Zechariah Adams
Elizabeth Alberto
Shazzia Alexander
Katie Allen
Caden Allison

Kaylie Anstis
Romaric Awadjihe
Erin Baldwin
Nadia Banilohi
Maia Battle
Shauntai Battle

Ashton Bellamy
Emma Grace Benton
Angela Berry
Emma Bethea
Morayo Bhadmos
Alexandra Bice

Christabella Bizimana
Ana Bonilla
Jeanice Boyd
Samantha Brandt
Abigayle Brodie
Emily Brown

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Rachel Brown
Lena Broyles
Elizabeth Bruno
Addison Burnett

Ryan Burzumato
Julia Cain
Kensie Campbell
Madison Carnes
Emily Carpenter
Collin Carruth

Joshua Carter
Gabrielle Cerasoli
Abigail Chambers
Olivia Chambers
Naathan Chandra
Johnathan Chappell

Mitchell Cheatham
William Clark
Kallie Coleman
Carly Collins
Julia Conley
McKenna Coulter

Justin Cox
Leeza Cox
Jai'Rus Creamer
Emmaline Crowers
Kyndal Crump
Rachel Darby

Camila De Faria
Tyler Derrick
Emily Deskin
Tilyn Digiacomo
Stephen Douglas
Samuel Dowdle

Leeza Ducksworth
Lauren Ducote
Avery Duddleston
Amanda Dumar
Jalen Dupree
Christin Eckerle

Kaitlyn Edmondson
Caitlin Edwards
Noah Estus
Leah Etheridge
Catelyn Ezell
Sarah Farmer

Kelsey Farris
Margeret Fee
Hannah Ferrari
Brady Finch
Mitchell Fineran
Keely Fischbach

Kimberley Forbes
Liana Forwith
Laquesha Freeman
Steven Freuhwald
Vivian Frintner
Magdalene Fruehwald

Chase Fry
Melissa Gagnon
Erin Gearhart
Amy Giboney
McKenna Gillespie
Radimill Gonzalez-Burgos

Emma Goode
Myron Gordon
Gregory Griffeth
Emma Hackman
Isabella Hagen
Zach Hampton

Sadie Hare
Kathryn Harris
Kamryn Harvey
Jackson Henry
Bryce Hinkle
Lauren Holbrook

Callie Hollingsworth
Mary Kate Horton
Meagan Host
William Howell
Jacee Hubbard
Sumer Hudson

Anna Huntington
Morgan Isham
Jacob Jarboe
Jamyah Jemison
Avery Johnson
Laura Johnson

Micah Jones
Amanda Jonhson
Neslon Jordan
Haley Joyce
Zachery Kadum
Hellen Kamau

Cherise Kamerman
Candice Keith
Katherine Keith
Ashley Kelley
Asif Khan
Kathryn Kizziah

Elizabeth Kocher
Amanda Krause
Sydney Kwasigroh
Lucy Landrum
Haley Langley
Johnathan Lehman

Rebecca Liepins
Tatum Little
Avery Lorio
Olivia Lyons
Wenxuan Ma
Allyson Maddox

Benjamin Marsella
Krista Masters
Mekhi Mayfield
Sophie Maynard
Mallory McCarty
Justin McClary

Michael McMahan
Corinne Meglic
Remington Messick
Jama Messner
Jessi Miceli
Lauren Milner

Anna Mitchell
Amanda Moehlis
Jade Montgomery
Brooklyn Morgan
Jasmine Morgan
Keri Morris

Caroline Morse
Alexis Murphy
Zoe Myers
Skylar Nance
Anna-Kate Nelson
Cathy Nguyen

Thanh Nguyen
Andrew Norton
Elliott Norton
Raven Omar
Alexis Orman
Caroline Orman

Noah Osborne
Callie Owen
Brooke Owens
Madison Owens
Thomas Ozburn
Amanda Palacios

Preston Parks
Vishva Patel
David Cuebas Perfume
Ashlyn Perkins
Rigney Petersen
Virginia Piell

Morgan Pierce
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Abigail Poe
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Emilee Powell

Kerrian Pruitt
Merideth Ray
Grace Reeder
Erica Ridenhour
Gracie Robbins
Caleb Roberson

Tatum Robertson
Kevin Rodriguez-Cruz
Christopher Rogers
Mary Rogers
Rowan Rosewarne
Julianna Sabbak

Kristie Sanchez
Emma Scott
Rachel Scott
Claudia Shaffer
Annacatherine Shebs
Shelby Sheehan

Emily Sheffield
Colter Sheveland
Blaire Shimer
Benjamin Shirley
Kathryne Shoop
Mary Sloan Sittason

Allyson Smith
Caleigh Smith
Chelsea Smith
Kayla Smith
Wyatt Smith
Megan Snodgrass

Sierra Sosa
Jessica St John
Mariah Steinhaus
Victoria Stephens
Grace Stevens
Emma Sullins

Tori Swann
Leen Swedan
Emmett Taliaferro
Anna Tankersley
Arielle Tigney
Jane Todd

Brendan Torres
Anna Grace Towner
Taylor Tucker
Devin Tully
Caroline Tweedy
Madison Tylicki

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Kayla Tyrrell
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Bailey Upton
Hannah Van Heest
Andrew Varble

Grace Vero
Lily Vickers
Dustin Voetberg
Stephanie Waldrep
Cydia Walker
Kenneth Walters

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Madison Whaley

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Emily Whittington
Natalie Wilkins
Richard Williams
Heather Wilson

Sydney Wilson
Tallison Wilson
Hailey Wisniewski
Caroline Wood
Kathleen Wood
Ansley Woods

Makaila Woolard
Kristen Wright
Maura Wright
Allison Zimmerman

May 8 Ceremony

Sydney Albrecht
Hannah Alexander
Michael Alldredge
MacKenzie Allen
Allison Ambler
Rebekah Anderson

Gary Anderson Ii
Megan Andrus
Leah Ansardi
Marlee Arn
MacKenzie Arnold
Hannah Atchley

Clifford Atfield
Emily Atwood
Murray Babington
Emma Badger
Aliza Baker
Kaitlyn Baker

Kylie Ballard
Johnny Banks
Mia Banvelos
Amanda Barnes
Sara Bartlett
Kathleen Bass

Preston Bates
Will Bazemore
Grace Beardsley
Natalie Beeler
Isaac Bell
Sarah Bennett

Anna Berent
Kenley Berry
Lydia Berryman
Cambron Bice
Sarah Binder
Sara Grace Black

Elllie Boster
Ryan Bostic
John Bowling
Brice Boyer
Kelsey Bradford
Meredith Brady

Nicole Brandon
Harrison Breed
Kristen Brill
Jack Brittle
Abigail Brock
Andrew Brock

Rebecca Brock
Rachel Brockwell
Matthew Brooks
Rachel Brooks
Anna Kate Brown
Annabelle Brown

Mary Price Brown
Mason Brown
Olivia Brown
Thomas Brown
Robert Browning
Cori Broxson

Bailey Bryant
Brittany Bucher
Dorothy Bullard
Alison Burton
Ethan Byrd
Mallory Byrd

John Calton
Susan Calvert
Kinely Campbell
John Brody Cantrell
Jenna Carlisle
William Carlisle

Faith Carson
Mary Amelia Carstens
Alexandra Casanova
Hannah Rose Cash
Logan Casperson
Jessica Castillo

Madeline Challenger
Jordan Chambliss
Morgan Champion
Eleanor Chapman
Keli Chew
Jennifer Chin-Lai

Cooper Christian
Annie Clark
Kaley Claudepierre
Thomas Cleveland
Ashley Clift
Emilie Cockrell

Jennifer Cone
John Corley
Wesley Crane
Chandler Crews
Kimberly Cripps
Maddie Crump

Amber Cruz
Vivian Cunningham
Olivia Cushing
Hugo Da Silva Moreira
Bailey Danelius
Emily Daniel

Bowes Davies
Joshua Davis
Kimberly Davis
Mason Davitt
Alexandria Dawson
Natalia De Ugarte Munoz

Bailey Deavers
Brett Defore
Annie Demeter
Bradyn Devysingh
Nicholas Di Prima
Joyce Diamond

Lindsay Dick
Delaney Dotson
Sarah Katherine Dotson
Molly Downing
Carter Duncan
Wyatt Dunn

Dane Dunnavan
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Jack Elliott

Megan Elliott
Emma Ellis
Kristina Emmerson
Avery Grace Emory
Eulaya Erb
Samuel Evans

James Falconer
Isabelle Falls
Amelia Faucher
Connor Feeney
Cecilia Field
Remington Field

Andrew Fillinger
Chasity Finnegan
Molly Finnegan
Warren Fitzpatrick
Jackson Flemming
Alexander Forsbrand

Jenna Foster
Walker Frederick
Matthew Frier
Bronwyn Frost
Olivia Frost
Ethan Fussell

Emily Gallinski
Grace Galloway
Madeline Gammill
Johnathon Garrett
Jeremy Garth
Lauren Gattie

Conner Gayda
Shana Gearhart
Ashton Geary
Talon Geissler
Ami Gelderman
Meredith Gelpi

Kathryn Gervasi
Hannah Gilbert
John Gilbert
Robert Gillespie
Parker Gilley
Cassidy Goble

Olivia Godfrey
Sarah Goings
India Gold
Meagan Golden
Adrono Gonzalez
Kane Goodman

Hailey Green
Sinclaire Green
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Rachael Hamilton
Alondra Hampton

Robert Hancock
Elizabeth Hannah
Emily Hanrahan
Hannah Harb
Christopher Harmon
Audrey Harris

Hannah Harris
David Hartley
Jonathon Hartley
Andrew Hawkins
Jenna Heeren
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Jessica Henderson
McKinzie Henderson
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Katie Hill
Jeffrey Hilliard
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Kyle Holden
Katelyn Hollingsworth

Lilly Hollis
Mariah Host
Davon Howard
Abigail Hubbard
Dylan Hughes
Cameron Hunt

Anna Hussey
Faiza Ismail
Ryan Ivey
Sage Jenne
Jill Jernigan
Daylan Jhin

Andrew Johnson
Anna Johnson
Kailey Johnson
Sandy Jolivette
Daisy Jones
Riley Jones

Rylee Jones
William Jones
Chad Jordan
Samuel Katulich
Timmi-Ann Kaurudar
Emily Anne Kay

Grayson Keever
Connor Kelly
Michael Kelly
Emily Kent
Mary Kilgore
Theresa King

Elliot Kircher
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